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IRISH PEACE.

An Effort to Secure Concord.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, December 26.
A meeting of Sinn Fein Clubs held at the Mansion House, Dublin, on Sunday, passed a resolution calling for the reconvening of the Ardheis, or Congress of Sinn Fein, with a view to securing a just and permanent peace. The meeting appointed a committee of eight to take charge of the matter and decided that, pending the meeting of the Ardheis, a conference of all Sinn Fein bodies in Dublin County and City be held on January 7th to discuss the best means of bringing about peace.

FINE SOUTH AFRICAN CRICKET.

Johannesburg, December 26.

The weather was fine for the cricket match between the M.C.C. and South Africa. The attendance numbered 15,000. There was a fast wicket. England knocked out 182, Kennedy compiling 41, not out. Blackenberg took 6 wickets for 76 and Francois 3 for 23. South Africa replied with 270 for 4, Taylor (captain) knocking up 121, not out, in a magnificent defence. He hit fifteen fours. He was in 210 minutes, and was well-supported by Brann (35, not out). The English bowling was splendid throughout.

LAWSUIT OVER EX-KAISER'S FORTUNE.

Brussels, December 26.

A lawsuit relating to the ex-Kaiser's fortune has been settled by the Court of Appeal giving judgment confirming the decision of the Court of First Instance ordering a Brussels broker to refund to an English bank several million francs, the proceeds of bond coupons, which the broker commissioned the bank to cash. The British Government objected to the transaction, as it was informed that the bonds belonged to the ex-Kaiser. The Dutch bank which was an intermediary in the case was non-suited.

ANOTHER M.C.C. VICTORY.

Christchurch, December 26.

The M.C.C. team beat Canterbury by eight wickets. Scoring 434 for 6 wickets, the M.C.C. declared, Chapman scoring 193 and Wilkinson 102. Canterbury made 181 in their first innings and then followed on, making 295, of which Blunt scored 174. The M.C.C. scored 23 for the loss of two wickets in their second venture.

INDIAN PRISON INCIDENT.

Ahmedabad, December 26.

A number of dacoits awaiting trial rushed an armed guard and tried to snatch a rifle, but other guards fired, killing two and wounding two. One of the latter subsequently died.

EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

THE LAUSANNE CONFERENCE.

Lausanne, Dec. 26.

The Turkish delegation has replied to the British Mosul memorandum in a lengthy document, advancing a series of arguments—historical, ethnographic and statistical, attempting to refute the British statement that Mosul is indivisible from Iraq. The Turks also contest the British figures of population.

CARNIVAL NIGHT.

Fun and Frolic at the Hongkong Hotel.

Guests to the number of over four hundred made merry at the Hongkong Hotel on the occasion of the special carnival dance arranged for Boxing Night. The grill room and its environs had been most tastefully decorated and illuminated, and so great was the demand for tables that every conceivable nook and corner was used, and even then there were many applications for accommodation turned down.

The night will long be remembered by all who attended. By far the greater majority were in fancy dress, and some wonderfully novel and striking costumes were worn. Of course, pierrots and prierettes were there in strong force, some in jazz effects; whilst Johnny Walker, an old monk, a Beefeater, Dutch and other national characters, and an astounding variety of other representations could be seen flitting about, enjoying the fun and frolic of the night to the uttermost. One table came in for special notice, the occupants of which had ingeniously devised their costumes to represent "Fashions of To-morrow"—a clever idea which was extremely well carried out.

When the dancing was in full swing it was a wonderful riot of colour that was produced. The brilliance of the costumes, the dainty decorations and the beautiful illuminations made up a striking kaleidoscopic scene, which was heightened when coloured streamers were thrown over the dancers, confetti freely

NO GAMBLING.

Severe Measures in Canton.

The continued circulation of rumours to the effect that, in order to secure funds with which to improve the currency, the Canton authorities intend to legalise gambling, has led General Chan King ming to issue a stern order on the subject, according to our Canton correspondent.

General Chan states that those who attempt to earn their living by gambling or seek to establish gambling dens or give protection to gamblers will be subject to the death penalty, whilst those who take part in gambling will be given heavy terms of imprisonment. General Chan has also sent out detectives to clear the streets of gamblers.

showered about and bright-hued toy balloons tipped from hand to hand. Spot lights and flicker lights were freely brought into play, and with the hotel's jazz band in tip-top form and everybody bent on sheer revelry, the real Christmas spirit was soon engendered and maintained till the very end, which came all too soon.

The hotel management excelled itself on this occasion, which must go on record as the biggest and jolliest event of its kind held in Hongkong. A splendid menu was provided, guests were supplied with confetti, streamers, snowballs containing surprises, squeakers and crackers; and everything that wit could devise was done to make the night the memorable one that it turned out to be.

THE AMOY MUDDLE.

Heavy Fighting Reported.

(Our Own Correspondent.)

Amoy, Dec. 21.
The local political situation is still a muddle, the end of which is not yet in sight. General Chang Tse-peng continues to hold Amoy, in spite of authoritative opinions that his days are numbered. Although not recognised by the Consular Body, yet his will seems to rule throughout the city and district.

A few days ago all the coast-wise launch traffic from Amoy to Anhui and Chuanchow was suspended. Since then heavy fighting in that district has been reported, and now and then a junk loaded with dead bodies has found its way to Amoy.

Around the district of Anhui there seems to be a large number of troops who style themselves "Self-government" troops. They seem to be in control in that district. Whether or not they are supporting any particular party I cannot say. Apparently they are independent.

News came to Amoy yesterday afternoon that General Chang Ching-loo, one of the faithful followers of Tuchen Li Hou-chi, and who has been in command of Chuanchow, had been defeated, and had fled to Swatow, where he would join Li Hou-chi. Whether troops from Foochow, the self-government troops, or forces under Chang Tse-peng of Amoy, who defeated Chang Ching-loo and have taken control in Chuanchow, I have not been able to confirm.

Other news from the interior is vague and conflicting. From reports one would judge that the people are suffering greatly owing to the lack of protection from bandits. There are continual rumors of expected general war, but definite news is next to impossible.

THE BALL GAME.

All Star American Team Arrive.

The All Star American Baseball Team arrived from Manila by the President Jefferson this morning. Owing to the shortness of their visit, they will probably only be able to play one match, which will be against the Hongkong Baseball Club, on the Football Ground, Happy Valley, at four o'clock to-morrow afternoon. The team sails on Friday by the President Jefferson for Yokohama. Staying in Japan about a week, they are due to go back to America by the Korea Maru.

In addition to the match against the Hongkong Baseball Club to-morrow, the team will probably give an exhibition of "shadow baseball," in which Charlie Stengel, one of the finest baseball comedians in the States, will show the humorous side of the game.

The real object of the tour, a Telegraph reporter was told this morning, is to promote baseball. The All Star team have not come East to see how many games they can win; but to show this part of the world how America's great national game is played.

The team was picked from America's two major leagues and every man is a star player. They are the best type of American professional baseball men and every one has a splendid record in the game.

George Kelly, the world's champion baseball thrower, will probably throw a baseball. Kelly's uncle is Bill Lange, who was one of America's foremost baseball players some twenty-five or thirty years ago in the early days of the game. In those days Lange was what Babe Ruth is to-day. When Kelly started he was known as Loggie's nephew; now Lange is known as Kelly's uncle. If Kelly throws a baseball it should be interesting. Mr. Fred O'Neal, who is the right-hand man of Mr. E. Hunter, the manager, jokingly told the pressman that when Kelly-like he can throw a baseball across Hongkong's harbour. "He hasn't an arm," he said, "he's got a size gun."

THAT HANDBAG.

"Boy" Given Benefit of Doubt.

In connection with the charge against Mrs. Blackburn's houseboy of stealing a novelty bag belonging to Mrs. Macdonald, No. 14 Macdonald Road, at the dance on Saturday night at Kingsclere, a statement was heard from the No. 1 houseboy of the hotel, called up for his evidence at the Police Court this morning, to the effect that when he questioned the defendant on the matter the latter admitted having taken it from the dinner table where it had been left by the owner, and having placed in a space behind a pillar in the room. He also said that a small boy employed by Mrs. Logan had confided to him that he had been shown the article in the basement by the defendant and was struck by its novel appearance.

This evidence was refuted by the small boy, who stated that he had said nothing of the sort and that it was a pure fabrication.

Mrs. Blackburn made a statement in the Court that the defendant possessed a good character, and was, in fact, recommended by the No. 1 houseboy and by Mrs. Sachse, the latter expressing her regret at not being able to retain him in her service. Mrs. Blackburn went on to relate that in the furnished house where she had resided previous to moving into Tregunter Mansions, there were a lot of silver articles lying about which the boy could have stolen if he had wished to do without detection. These trunks brought over from the Kowloon Godowns recently contained articles of value whose number Mrs. Blackburn said she had forgotten. The defendant was given the work of unpacking these articles and he had not abused this trust. She would take the defendant back into her service if he were discharged by the Court.

In discharging the defendant, Mr. R. E. Lindsell said it seemed to him there was an element of doubt about this case. If defendant had taken the bag, which was not at all improbable, he did so under the impression that it was a worthless article from the fact of its resemblance to a doll, and was too frightened to make a full admission on discovering its real nature.

DAY BY DAY.

Nobody has been seriously ill during the Christmas holidays, the health return for the past four days showing that no cases of communicable disease were notified.

Another bomb incident is reported by our Canton correspondent, who states that on the night of the 24th, instant, a bomb exploded near the passenger junk jetty at Heungshan. A passer-by was injured and sent to hospital.

Our Canton correspondent reports that an officer belonging to the Aviation Department was arrested at Kwong Moon, having in his possession 14 cases of Mauser cartridges, said to be intended for sale to bandits. He has been ordered by the military headquarters to be severely dealt with.

Kowloon residents will have their last chance to-night of seeing "The Cheater" at the Kowloon Theatre. The romance, featuring May Allison, is based on the celebrated stage play "Judah" by Henry Arthur Jones, and is one of the best pictures seen in Kowloon for some time. Yet another big picture is being shown to-morrow, Friday and Saturday, "Thy Soul Shall Bear Witness." It is the product of the Swedish Biograph Company, and is described as "an epic on life and death" by Dr. Selma Lagerlof. The cast is made up of big stars in Sweden's picture industry and the story is novel and gripping, conveying a lesson to all who see it. There should be big business for the Kowloon Theatre for the rest of this week.

"THE TEMPEST"

A.D.C. Production Proves a Great Success.

EXCELLENT MUSIC AND SETTING.

The opening performance by the Hongkong Amateur Dramatic Club of Shakespeare's "The Tempest" in the Theatre Royal last night, was a magnificent success, and the crowded audience was not behind in showing its appreciation of the excellent offering.

The different roles in the play were filled as follows:—Prospero, Mr. A. N. Lucey; Ferdinand, Mr. D. C. Logan; Alonso, Mr. H. W. Allen; Gonzalo, Mr. E. W. Hamilton; Sebastian, Mr. J. L. Farrer; Antonio, Mr. J. Bartholomew; Francisco, Mr. B. O. Blaker; Adrian, Mr. R. Stock; A Lord, Rev. Du T. Pryor; Stephano, Rev. A. Turner, R.N.; Trinculo, Mr. W. J. Hinton; Caliban, Mr. R. K. M. Simpson; Miranda, Mrs. E. Grimble; Ariel, Mrs. Logan; Ceres, Mrs. D. W. Salter; Boatwain, Mr. J. A. E. Bullock; Ship-master, Mr. R. Stock.

The dancers who appeared in the different scenes in the form of nymphs, reapers, fauns, strange shapes, and dogs, and carried out their share most ably, consisted of:—Mrs. D. De B. Newcomb, Mrs. F. W. Blackwell, Mrs. N. L. Hammond, Miss M. R. Rosser, Miss F. Simmonds, Miss G. Simmonds, Mr. J. G. Lyon, Lieut. N. L. Hammond, Lieut. H. L. Carlsake, R.N., and Lieut. G. Jackson, R.N.

The Play and the Players.
In the first scene, the part of the "uninhabited island" immediately in front of Prospero's cell, we have the exiled Duke of Milan and his beautiful daughter Miranda in converse, and Prospero discloses to the girl her true origin. He then sends for Caliban and Ariel to give them his commands. Ferdinand, son of Alonso, the King of Naples, is separated from his father and several courtiers, who have been shipwrecked on the island during a tempest, and wanders to Prospero's cell, where he sees Miranda and falls deeply in love with her at first sight, a state of mind and heart also shared by the fair young lady. Ferdinand has disclosed his identity, and Prospero sees a plan of his coming to fruition. However, as the course of true love should not run too smoothly, he makes the king's son undertake various menial tasks.

In the meantime we are introduced to a barren part of the island, where the King of Naples and his courtiers—Antonio, the brother of Prospero, and usurper of his place; Sebastian, the king's brother; and Gonzalo, who had previously befriended Prospero—are speculating on their lot. All fall asleep save Sebastian and Antonio, who are frustrated in a plot to murder the king by some of the spirits of the island who are under Prospero's dominion.

A strong element of humour is brought into the next scene, which is a glade on the island, when two other members of the shipwrecked party, a jester named Trinculo and a wine-bibbing butler named Stephano, come into contact with Caliban, the servant-monster of Prospero, and reduce him to a state of doing worship by means of several draughts of sack. After a plan by Caliban to have Prospero murdered has been frustrated by the intended victim by means of his magic powers, we come to the final scene, in which Prospero meets the King of Naples, the false brother Antonio, and the others. Reconciliation, the surrender by Antonio to Prospero of his rights, the betrothal of Ferdinand and Miranda, and the discovery that the ship which was driven ashore is seaworthy, provide a happy conclusion.

It is difficult to single out for praise any particular member of last night's cast. To play Shakespeare well is an achievement for any company, and to say that the A.D.C. performers made a great success of the piece is praise enough for all concerned. The whole company did their best, and a very good best it was. Mr. Lucey carried out the role of

Prospero most ably, and Mrs. Grimble made a charming and winsome Miranda. The part of the gallant, love-stricken Ferdinand was also capably portrayed by Mr. Logan. All who took part in the representation of the shipwrecked party did so well that we find it hard to bestow particular praise. Perhaps Mr. Simpson as Caliban had a somewhat more strenuous part to perform than the others, and he certainly acted very impressively. It might also be said, without the intention of suggesting any other meaning, that Mr. Hinton made an excellent fool and Rev. Turner a life-like drunkard! Miss Logan was a very dainty spirit, with a good deal of work to do, as Ariel. In the cast will be noticed several names of amateur performers who have previously delighted local audiences, such as Mrs. Logan and Mr. Bullock, and it can be said of the new talent as well that there is fine material here for any type of play the A.D.C. might wish to produce.

Those Who Helped.

The scenery and setting deserve special praise. Everything was planned to perfection, and reached a standard which we have not seen surpassed on the professional stage. A word of commendation on the prompt scene-shifting might not be out of place here—it was noticeable after the recent "waits" that Hongkong theatregoers have been subjected to.

The decorations for the play have been carried out by Mr. L. D. Martyn from original designs by Mr. W. Sinclair, and form a fine proof of the artistic talent of these two gentlemen.

The delightful dances were invented, arranged, and rehearsed by Mrs. D. De B. Newcomb, and this lady's efforts had their reward in the really excellent results achieved.

The men's costumes are from designs by Mr. W. Sinclair, and were executed by Messrs. Ah Men Hing Cheong under the very able supervision of Mrs. E. Grossman; whilst the ladies' dresses are from designs by Mr. E. Rice and were made by Maison Lily.

The incidental music greatly enhanced the whole pleasant setting of the piece, and was specially composed for this production by Mr. Eric Rice. The compositions comprised orchestral selections and accompaniments, with cleverly-arranged "hidden voices" that deserve every form of praise. The orchestra consisted of:—

1st Violin, Mr. C.A.P. Xavier, Mr. W.H. Fletcher, R.M.B., H.M.S. Hawkins; Mr. L. H. Sall, R.M.B., H.M.S. Hawkins; 2nd Violins, Mr. J.M.S. Rozario, Mr. P. A. Rozario; Violoncello, Mr. N.U. Botelho, Mr. S. Paul, Mr. A. McCormick, R.M.B., H.M.S. Hawkins; Clarinet, Mr. W.H. Fletcher; Drum, Mr. L. H. Sell; Vocal Quartette, Miss Jean Lawson, Mr. G.N. Tinson, Mr. A. Dyer Ball, Mr. J. A. E. Bullock; Soprano, Mrs. Matheson; Piano, Mr. Eric Rice, Assistant Pianist, Mrs. Woods. The musicians from H.M.S. S. Hawkins participated by kind permission of H.E. the Naval Commander-in-Chief.

The whole production was arranged and produced by Mr. W. Sinclair, who was assisted in a age direction by Mrs. D.W. Salter, Professor R.K.M. Simpson and Lieut. Ibbet; in stage construction by Messrs. L.D. Martyn and S.A. Roberts assisted by Messrs. J. H. Barrington, W.O. Barrington, and W. A. Cornell; and in stage lighting by Mr. R. A. Starling assisted by Messrs. A. Wheeler and C.C.W. Mason.

The producer particularly desires to acknowledge invaluable work done by:—Mrs. D.W. Salter, Mrs. D. De B. Newcomb, Professor R.K.M. Simpson, Mr. Eric Rice, Mr. L.D. Martyn, Mr. S. A. Roberts, Mrs. E. Grossman, Mr. Geo. Duncan, Mr. R. Stock, Lieut. Ibbet, and Mr. R.A. Starling.

Altogether, the A.D.C. Committee—the Hon. Mr. Claud Severn, C.M.G., Mr. J. A. E. Bullock, Mr. W. A. Cornell, Mr. W. Sinclair, Mr. E. Sutherland, Mr. M. S. Northcote, and Mr. W. A. Hannibal (hon. secy. and treas.)—and all who took part, can congratulate themselves on the splendid first-night success of the play.

COMPETITION RESULT.

Winner of \$50.

Owing to three of the matches fixed for Saturday last not being played, our coupon became reduced to ten matches, including yesterday's International fixture. There were some surprising results, however, to the matches played, the draws secured by the two Kowloon teams and the Durban's win over the Club upsetting the forecasts sent in. Comparatively few competitors succeeded in forecasting more than six correct results.

Our prize of \$50 was won by

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KILLED BY STEAM ON SUBMARINE.

An explanation of the K26 submarine tragedy, which involved the deaths of two workmen at Chatham Dockyard, was given at the inquest on the victims, Samuel Charles Bailey and Archibald Stannard. They were testing the valves when there was an escape of steam, which lasted for about a minute, the men being badly scalded. The accident was attributed to the fact that, owing to the construction of the submarine, the closing of the water-tight door compelled the use of a very short waste-pipe for the escaping steam. On account of the atmospheric conditions the steam was deflected from its course, and was not driven downward as it should have been. A verdict of accidental death was returned.

News in To-day's New Advertisements.

Several well-known Insurance Companies have removed to new offices.—Page 4.

There will be an evening dance at the Helena May Institute on the 28th inst.—Page 4.

Mary Miles Minter is appearing at the World Theatre in "Sweet Lavender"—Page 12.

Consignees are notified of the arrival of the s.s. "Diomed"—Page 4.

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"Little Lord Fauntleroy" is being screened at the Coronet Theatre.—Page 12.

Chefalo and Palermo are appearing at the Star Theatre to-night.—Pages 2 and 12.

The Sincere Company have received a shipment of stationery.—Page 3.

Lammert Brothers are holding a public auction sale of miscellaneous goods, including a combination wood working machine, on the 29th inst.—Page 4.

To-Day's Exchange.

The closing rate of the dollar on demand to-day was 2s. 2.13/16d.

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HOLIDAY CRICKET.

H.K.C.C. v. The Army.

The annual triangular tournament between the Navy, Army and the Club was commenced yesterday when the two latter teams met on the Hongkong Cricket Club ground. The Club batted first and compiled 173. T. E. Pearce and A. A. Claxton showing exceptionally good form with the bat, the former obtaining 57 not out. He hit seven boundaries. Claxton's 40 included six sixes and six fours. In reply the Army scored 114. Major Matthews and C. S. M. Pearson being the only players to reach double figures.

The Club, in the second innings, knocked up 124 for two wickets and declared. Claxton again batted exceptionally well, exceeding the half century. He put one out of the ground and was credited with nine fours. Webster's total was 48 when the closure was applied.

The Army had an hour at the wicket, and lost four batsmen for 70 runs, of which Capt. Spinks contributed 21, being undefeated when stumps were drawn. Scores:

H.K.C.C.—1st Innings.

A. A. Claxton, b Spinks	40
E. J. R. Mitchell, b Pearson	12
R. E. A. Webster, c A. b Davies	1
H. Owen Hughes, b Davies	0
Lieut. E. Quick, c Spinks, b Pearson	1
T. E. Pearce, not out	57
G. R. Sayer, c Dods, b Spinks	11
G. D. Evans, c A. b Davies	21
G. A. Chadwick, b Pearson	1
E. B. Reed, c A. b Pearson	6
L. J. Davies, run out	5
Extras	7
Total	173

Bowling analysis.

Capt. Havelock	19	6	50	3
Sgt. Major Pearson	12	—	52	4
Capt. Spinks	11	—	43	2
Q. M. S. Allen	4	1	14	—

The Army—1st Innings.

Capt. Oliver, b Evans	6
Capt. Havelock Davies, b Reed	9
Capt. Le Fleming, c Davies, b Owen Hughes	11
Major Matthews, c Claxton b Chadwick	24
S. Sgt. Redpath, c and b Owen Hughes	8
Capt. Spinks, c Evans, b Chadwick	8
Lieut. Bacon, b Chadwick	0
C. S. M. Pearson, l. b. w. Sayer	25
Sergt. Allen, c Quick, b Chadwick	1
Capt. Howard, c L. J. Davies	5
b Evans	0
Capt. Dods, not out	0
Extras	18
Total	114

Bowling analysis.

E. B. Reed	13	4	31	1
E. D. Evans	11	1	29	2
Owen Hughes	4	—	15	2
G. A. Chadwick	8	2	16	4
G. R. Sayer	2	2	5	1

H.K.C.C. 2nd Innings.

A. A. Claxton, not out	50
E. J. R. Mitchell, st. Howard	5
b Pearson	3
G. R. Sayer, c Dods, b Pearson	48
R. E. A. Webster, not out	9
Extras	0
Total	124

Bowling analysis.

Captain Havelock	3	—	11	—
Davies	3	—	11	—
S. Major Pearson	1	—	34	2
Capt. Dods	3	—	19	—
Capt. Le Fleming	4	—	13	—
Lieut. Bacon	3	—	18	—

The Army 2nd Innings.

Capt. Oliver, c Davies, b Reed	19
S. Sgt. Redpath, c Sayer, b Webster	1
Capt. Le Fleming b Reed	4
Capt. Spinks, not out	21
Lieut. Bacon, b Owen Hughes	18
Sergt. Allen, not out	12
Extras	12
Total	70

Total (for 4 wickets) 70

Bowling analysis—
E. B. Reed 6 1 23 2
R. E. A. Webster 6 1 27 1
Rev. E. Quick 2 1 7 1
H. Owen Hughes 2 1 7 1

K.C.C. 2nd XI v. H.S.C.C. 2nd XI.

An all day match between Kowloon and Hongkong second elevens was played at Kowloon, the visitors winning by an innings and 70 runs. The feature of the match was the splendid batting of D. E. G. Nicholson, who just failed to reach the century. The Kowloon batting was very weak, the side being dismissed for 78 in the first innings and 75 in the second. Scores:

Kowloon 2nd XI 1st Innings.

S. Jex, b Piercy	17
J. C. Fletcher, b Crawford	6
H. H. Benson, l. b. w. Piercy	0
E. J. Edwards, c A. K. Mackenzie, b Piercy	10
W. Hyde, b Peat	0
N. L. Railton, l. b. w. Piercy	0
W. L. Weaser, b Peat	14
H. Overy, b Hollands	4
F. G. Horridge, not out	3
A. O. Brown, b Hollands	9
W. J. Shenton, c Spicer, b Peat	2
Extras	6
Total	78

Bowling analysis.

G. H. Piercy	4	—	24	4
J. D. H. Crawford	4	—	18	1
H. E. Hollands	5	1	19	2
D. B. Peat	13	—	11	3

H.K.C.C. 2nd XI.

H. E. Hollands, c and b Railton	36
D. E. G. Nicholson, c Edward, b Overy	93
H. Spicer, b Overy	1
L. D. McNicoll, b Fletcher	13
W. W. Mackenzie, c Railton, b Fletcher	19
G. H. Piercy, l. b. w. Fletcher	18
D. B. Peat, st. Jex, b Fletcher	3
A. K. Mackenzie, b Weaser	6
J. D. Crawford, b Fletcher	3
W. Brackenbridge, st. Jex, b Benson	14
M. M. Watson, not out	11
Extras	11
Total	223

Bowling analysis.

J. C. Fletcher	17	—	90	5
A. O. Brown	3	—	10	—
H. Overy	7	—	29	2
N. L. Railton	3	—	16	1
W. J. Shenton	4	—	7	—
W. L. Weaser	9	—	45	1
H. H. Benson	4	—	5	1

K.C.C. 2nd XI—2nd Innings.

F. G. Horridge, c Nicholson, b Peat	6
A. O. Brown, b McNicoll	0
H. H. Benson, c Peat, b McNicoll	7
S. Jex, b McNicoll	0
N. L. Railton, b Peat	13
W. Hyde, c Piercy, b Crawford	21
W. L. Weaser, c Piercy, b McNicoll	8
H. Overy, c W. Mackenzie, b Peat	2
W. J. Shenton, c Hollands b Crawford	10
J. C. Fletcher, c A. K. Mackenzie, b Peat	1
E. J. Edwards, not out	7
Extras	7
Total	75

Bowling analysis.

L. D. McNicoll	7	—	12	4
D. B. Peat	9	1	34	4
J. D. H. Crawford	2	—	20	2

FRIENDLY MATCH.

Mr. Pinna's XI v. C.C.R.

The following was the result of a Cricket Match played yesterday between Mr. Pinna's XI and the C.C.R.

Pinna's XI.

G. Wing, b Lee	3
H. Navier, c and b Lee	0
O. A. Roberto, b Lee	0
E. C. Fincher, l. b. w. Lee	8
M. Pinna, c sub. b Hung	10
E. F. Fincher, c Chan, b Hung	0

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Contempt of Court.
(Our Own Correspondent.)
Shanghai, Dec. 26.

His Honour Judge Lobingier has remitted the unserved portion of the sentence passed on the American lawyer, Mr. William S. Fleming, for contempt of court. This is the final chapter in a case which has been held up in the American Court here for nearly a year, while Judge Lobingier was in the United States, fighting charges filed by Mr. Fleming in Washington.

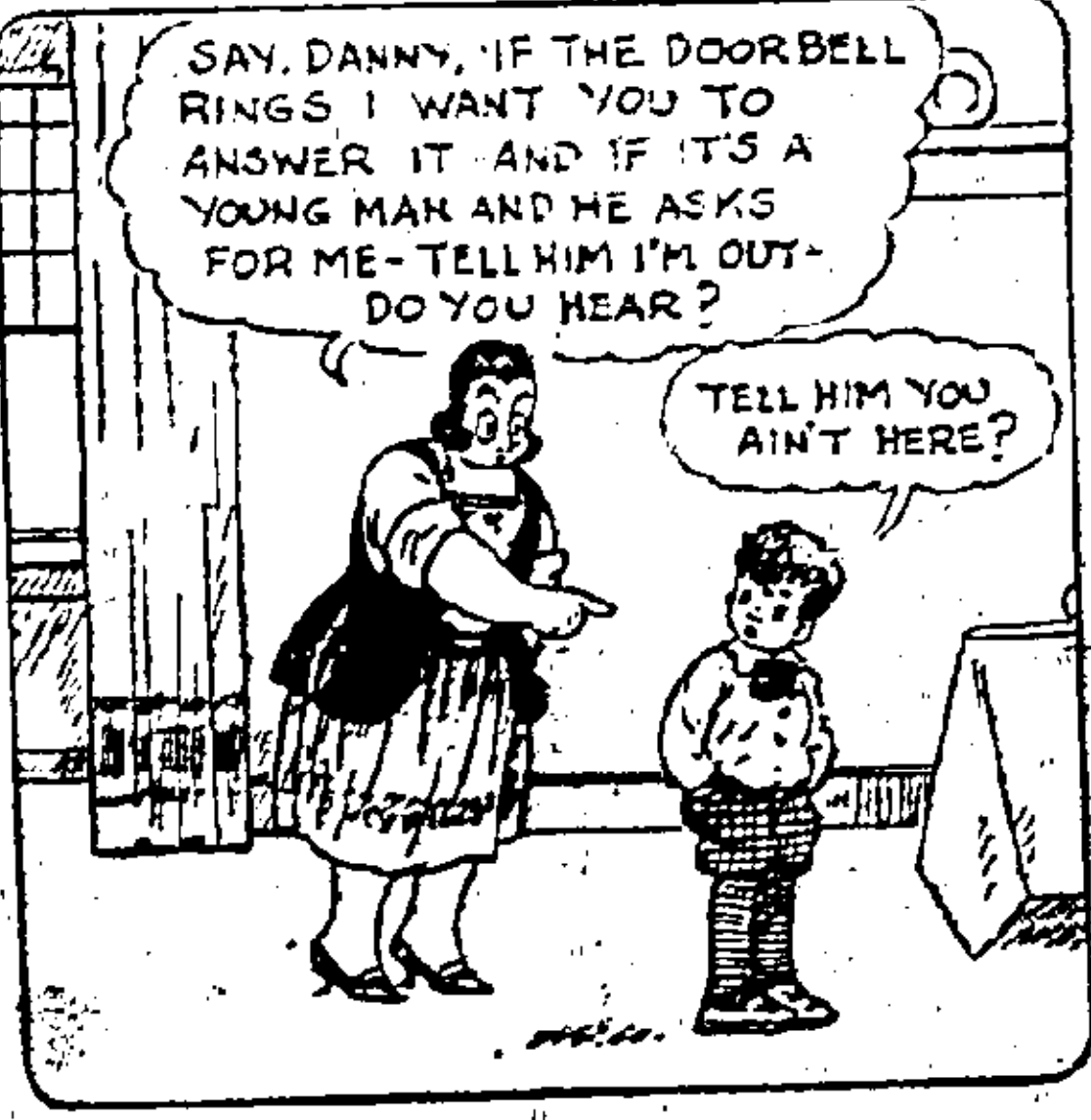
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" B No. 3	3 1/4 X 4 1/4	60 "
" B No. 3 A	3 1/4 X 3 1/4	70 "
Film-pack Vest Pocket		50 "
" 2 1/4 X 3 1/4		85 "
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Telephone Central 1993 112, Jervois Street**TRAFFIC IN CANARIES.****How Birds Travel From
Germany.**A case arising out of the im-
portation of German canaries to
Britain came before the Ma-
chester City Justices recently.
Mrs. Ellen Smith, a bird dealer,
was summoned by the Royal
Society for the Prevention of
Cruelty to Animals for causing
pain and suffering to a number of
canaries.An inspector of the Society said
that he saw in the defendant's
shop a large number of small
cages, each containing a
canary. There were also some cages
a little larger, each containing
two canaries. The birds caught
their tail feathers in the bars of
the cages, and they could not
move about with freedom. He
went into the shop, where he saw
the defendant and told her that
the cages were not large enough.She admitted that the larger
cages were too small for two
birds, and that the other cages
were on the small side. She
added that following a call he
had given her a year ago she
wrote to the senders, who there-
upon agreed to make bigger cages.The canaries, she said, only
came in the night before and they
had not been able to deal with
them but would do so as soon as
they could. The birds, the wit-
ness was told, only left Germany
on Wednesday or Thursday
morning, and had arrived on
Friday night. The size of the
small cages was about four and a
quarter inches wide, four and a
half inches high, and five and a
half inches long. The cages con-
taining two birds were five and a
half inches wide, six inches high,
and six and three-quarter inches
long. In the witness's opinion
the cages were much too small,
and to put the birds into them
was cruelty.Counsel for the defendant
denied that she had been guilty
of any cruelty. He produced
some of the cages, one contain-
ing a canary which appeared to be
very lively and chirped, appar-
ently quite contented. While it was
being examined in its cage by the
justices.The inspector, in answer to
counsel, said he understood that
the consignment was one of 300
birds, and that they were all sold
by the Saturday night.The defendant's son gave evi-
dence. He said birds had been
coming to England in these small
wicker cages for the last 35 years.
People did not believe they were
German birds unless they were
in the cages.A canary breeder and judge at
cage-bird shows said the canaries
were bred in the Hartz mountains
in Germany, and at three weeks
old were put into these small
cages. Looking at the bird
produced, he said it suffered no
inconvenience and was in no
pain. If it brushed its tail
feathers against the bars of the
cage that would not cause it pain
and suffering. There would be
cruelty if the bird could not get
at its food and water.The chairman said they were
agreed that the cages were too
small, but they were satisfied
that the bird produced had no
suffering in any way. The
summons would be dismissed.**DIPLOMAT GETS DIVORCE.**Colleague at Embassy
as Co-respondent.A decree nisi was granted on
Oct. 23rd, in the Divorce
Court on the petition of
Joshua Milne Compton Cheetham,
of the Avenue de Bois
de Boulogne, Paris, for the
dissolution of his marriage
with his wife, Anastasia Cheetham,
formerly Mourviègne, on the
ground of her misconduct with
Mr. Nigel Law, described as
secretary to the British Embassy
in Paris.The petition was undefended.
Sir Joshua stated that he
married his wife, a Russian
woman, in 1917, when he was
secretary to the Embassy in
Rome. Last May she went away
for several days, saying she was
going motoring with friends in
the South of France.His suspicions were aroused,
and two letters were found from
the co-respondent. One of them
began "Darling," and said, "I
miss you, my Anastasia. My
morning walk is so dull now."Replying to the judge, Sir
Joshua said the co-respondent
was a colleague of his.Custody of the child was given
to Sir Joshua Cheetham, and his
counsel stated that he intended
to make some provision for his
wife.**A SUSSEX LAKE.****Netting Five-Pounder
Goldfish.**They call large ponds lak-a in
Sussex and there are many lakes
among the woods and fields of the
Weald. For the Weald was the
centre of the iron industry of the
South Country, and two hundred
years ago the ponds supplied the
water-power which lifted the
thudding hammers and forged the
red-hot pigs. To-day the quiet
waters call down flying ducks,
and the trout rise with a plop at
the May-fly, or the green cater-
pillar which drops twisting from
the overhanging oak, writes a
correspondent in the Times.But we are at the lake to-day
not to take trout with a fly. We
are to net them, and not only
trout, but goldfish—large, carp-
like Austrian fish known as orla.
The lake is to be re-stocked, for
the orla spoil the feed; as well
they may, when you realize that
they weigh up to four pounds
and more, and cruise about in-
doors picking up what they may
find on the surface and among
the weeds.We have two flat-bottomed
boats, and here is the gamekeeper
with the net coiled up in a farm
water-carrier. It is a sea net of
small mesh, fifty feet by nine cork-
ed along the top and loaded along
the bottom, and with a purse
which the keeper knots securely.
It weighs, he tells us, a hundred-
weight, and he shakes his head;
shall we be able to drag such a
weight along the bottom? One
of us looks at the keeper and
shakes his head, too; he has
helped to pull in such nets on
the sea shore. But the keeper
smiles.We pay out the net between
the boats, and in five minutes it
is plain that not even Hercules
in both of them would move that
bellying weight of cord and lead;
he would merely snap sculls in
halves, as we do. The keeper
says nothing, but in a matter-
of-fact way steps over the side of
the boat into the lake. And he,
on one side of the lake, being a
man of straightforward habits,
merely walks up to his middle
through water and mud hauling
the net and the other boat after
him. The crew of the other boat
beg him to wait while they get a
rope. A rope is fetched from the
farm; they tie it to the net, tak-
ing the boat inshore, and pull them-
selves forward by the trucks
of trees.**FISH "CORNERED."**The net stretches across the
middle of the pond, and the boats
guard the shallow bays. And
now we can see the great golden
ufa, swimming backwards and
forwards. We come near the end
of the lake, and the keeper hauls
so that strong men safely on the
bank groan watching him, we are
bringing the two ends together,
and there are splashes of noble
red flanks and fins in the narrow
circle of the corks. We begin to
pull the net into the bay, and the
purse draws nearer and nearer
the muddy shore.A great gleaming back walows
half out of the water, and a fat
three-pounder is lifted out and
placed in the carrier. Three
more follow, one of them surely
nearer five pounds than four
with scales like half-sovereigns.
Then come the trout, and then
more or less, nearly a hundred and
fifty trout, from half a pound to
three pounds, and fourteen or
fifteen or six fish as Theo-
critus's fisher Asphalion dreamt
of, waking to find his golden
quarry gone.But is not all this, in the Octo-
ber sunlight, under the green oaks
and the blue sky, something of a
fisherman's dream? It is not
given to a man every day to
haul a net of gold fish weighing
four and five pounds, or a hun-
dred and fifty trout he has angled
for in vain. And there are more,
we reflect, in the lake. It is to be
netted, again; after which the
keeper, it may be, will walk
abroad in other, drier corduroys.**A COMMON COMPLAINT
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post free at 60 cents the box, by
Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., 95
Szechuen Road, Shanghai.**GLIDING LESSONS.****Watching "The Buzzard" And
Albatross.**The development of gliding has
occasioned considerable discus-
sion in regard to the results that
may be obtained from the study
and practice of motorless flight,
and the performance of the pilots
are being carefully noted by
airmen all over the world.Mr. Glenn Curtiss believes that
a glider can be produced to take
off from the sea, and he is now
constructing such a machine. It is
built of wood, duralumin,
and silk, and weighs 2,000 lbs.,
the pilot on board. It has an
overall length of 22 ft. 1 in., and
a span of 28 ft. This glider is a
biplane with a flying-boat body,
the tail being supported on a
boom rather similar to that used
in Fokker gliders. It is designed
for a speed of twenty miles an
hour.Mr. Curtiss, discussing in the
Aeronautical Digest the general
question of motorless flight, says
that we are now at a stage in aero-
nautics in which the buzzard and
the albatross appear prominently.
The buzzard is a magnificent
soarer. In this country, where it
is most frequently found, the air
rises from the surface of the earth
in waves and sometimes in spirals.
Mr. Curtiss says that he has
often watched a buzzard seek
and find a "lodgment" in one of
these spirals and be literally lifted
out of sight. The buzzard is com-
paratively lightly loaded, the load-
ing sometimes being only half a
pound to each square foot of its
wing surface. The albatross on
the other hand, has a wing-load-
ing of more than 3 lb. to the square
foot.Mr. Curtiss believes there are
greater gliding possibilities over
the sea than over the land. The
albatross, he points out, takes
off with little effort from the
crest of a wave and rides the
winds for hours.The Curtiss glider described
above will be experimented with
first by being launched from the
deck of a fast boat, or by towing,
it is hoped that ultimately a
direct "take-off" from the surface
of the sea will be possible.**GREAT LINER'S RECORDS**Mauretania's 275th. Crossing
of Atlantic.The Mauretania left Southamp-
ton on October 28th on her 275th
crossing of the Atlantic. She has
transported during her career
375,000 passengers, and as a pas-
senger ship alone has steamed
857,000 miles. If her war service
is included, her total voyages
exceed a distance of one million
miles. These figures constitute
records for any liner in service
to-day.Not only did the Mauretania
bring back to this country the
Blue Riband of the Atlantic but
she still holds all the speeds. She
has averaged 25 1/2 knots a
record across the Atlantic for
twenty-seven consecutive runs,
a performance unapproached by
any other vessel. Apart from
her great speed, she has
achieved a remarkable regu-
larity of running. This year
three successive Atlantic cross-
ings showed a difference in time
of less than five minutes.After three more trips in the
Southampton-New York service
the Mauretania will go to the
Mediterranean for an extended
cruise.**UNSUCCESSFUL PLAYS.**Where Novelists Don't
Always Succeed.The contemplated withdrawal
of the dramatized version of Mr.
Joseph Conrad's "Secret Agent,"
after a run of little over a week,
seems to prove what a very
different craft play-writing is
from novel-writing. The greater
the writer the less chance he
appears to have as a dramatist.Perhaps the greatest failure of
a big writer in his attempts to cap-
ture the theatre was Henry James
with "Guy Donville," which last-
ed very much less than a week.And Mr. H. G. Wells has not
fared well on the stage. "The
Secret Agent," by the way, is not
Mr. Conrad's first, but his second
play. His first was a one-act
stage version of one of his short
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Optional cargo will be landed, unless notice has been given prior to steamer's arrival.

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No claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the steamer's Godown, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 2nd, Jan., will be subject to rent.

All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the undersigned on or before the 15th Jan., or they will not be recognised.

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LONDON'S BUSES.

One Use for Them.

Somebody has been wanting to know what has become of the old London buses which figured in the war, writes a correspondent of the *Manchester Guardian*. I know where one old Metropolitan has gone (writes a correspondent) and still goes. It has retired into the country—the real country. I wait for it on the top of a convenient gravel-heap—the only safe place as the road is so narrow—at the end of a still narrower country lane; and it is more than ten minutes late I sit on the gravel-heap till it comes into view, chugging up the hill. It is always late on a Tuesday because that is cattle-market day and it has to steer its way cautiously, with an occasional halt, through droves of cattle and flocks of black-faced sheep. The conductor is a boy, and if nothing is doing in the way of ascent or descent from the bus for a mile or two he sits inside, and when I give him my fare—any time will do—he pockets it (and, I hope, disgorges it later).

My companions (adds the correspondent) are mostly country people and farmers' wives, with one or two more aristocratic folk who bring a railway rug with them these cold mornings. The bus still bears some of its London legends, though obscured by local advertisements, one of which informs that a Refreshing Cup of Tea is waiting for me at Blank's Refreshment-rooms in Market Street. It has already waited so many weeks that it must be dead cold by this time. So we bounce and joggle in the country town, and the bus starts on the return journey as soon after the advertised time as the boy can be found again.

SHOWER OF GLASS.

Ejected From A Volcano.

A small vessel's weird voyage through a big shower of volcanic glass is reported to *Nature* by Mr. Grenville A. J. Cole.

The circumstances are worthy of a Jules Verne story, and have been made public through the courtesy of Dr. Russell, director of the Fisheries Laboratory of the Ministry of Fisheries, and Mr. J. W. Carruthers.

When the team trawler, Prince Palatine, was off the west of Vago (N. Atlantic), the captain reported to the mate that land had appeared on the port quarter. A heavy sandstorm soon enveloped the vessel.

This storm lasted for the unusually long period of 64 hours, during which the air resembled the appearance of a London fog, while the vessel was covered with a deposit from stem to stern. This deposit was found to consist of volcanic glass.

The material is a characteristic dust of volcanic glass, distinctly brown and probably andesitic or basaltic. The Meteorological Office record shows that the position of the fall lay in a cyclonic depression with a wind from somewhat east of south blowing at 17 miles an hour," says the report.

It is thought that some account of the dust may be forthcoming from the northern isles of the Faroe group.

It is most probable the source was an eruption in Iceland, the dust having in that case travelled 500 miles.

CHINA'S INDUSTRY.

America Taking Wool Exports.

The following interesting extracts are taken from a recent issue of the bulletin of the Chinese Government Bureau of Economic Information:

In the absence of any reliable statistics, the approximate amount of wool exported from China annually totals 40,000,000 lbs. Though the quantity of the produce is inferior, the prices quoted in markets usually shows a steady rise.

Japan is the chief importer of China's sheep wool, of which a major portion has gone by way of Tsingtao (Shantung).

Now, America has entered the field of competition with the Japanese. Exports of China's wool are mostly shipped via Tientsin or Tsingtao. Shantung is famous for the product of the regions east of the Chiaochow-Tsinan Railway.

HAND LOOM CLOTH.

The principal article exported by Tungechow and Haichow is cotton cloth, by the weaving of which the 2,000,000 inhabitants of the two districts earn their living. After the close of farming season the people begin to weave. They work from five in the morning until six in the evening, and are able to weave a piece of cloth of about 50 feet in one day.

The annual output of cloth is about 9,000,000 pieces, of which Tungechow produces three fifths and Haichow two-fifths. The largest production comes in March, June, September and January.

The best market for Tungechow and Haichow cloth is Chefoo and Manchuria with an annual sale of about 4,000,000 pieces. Several hundred thousand pieces are also in Kiangsu, Chekiang, Fokien, Kwangtung, Szechuen, Hunan and Shantung provinces and in Shanghai; 4,000 to 5,000 pieces are sold in Soochow, Kiang-ying, Huchow, Wushih, Nanjing, Chinkiang and Nan-zing each year.

There are four methods of selling the cloth; namely: "Fanchuang," "Kwanchuang," "Wah Pai" and retail. "Fanchuang" is the merchant who buys the cloth from the peasants and resells it to the "Kwanchuang." In the two districts there are more than 600 "Fanchuang" with about 2,000 employees. In order to do the "Fanchuang" business one has to have a capital of from \$100 to \$5,000, must be experienced, and informed on market conditions. They buy the cloth from the weavers in the morning and bring it to the "Kwanchuang" in the afternoon. Then the "Kwanchuang" decides the quality and the price of the cloth and, if the "Fanchuang" agrees to the price given, the deal is closed; otherwise, the "Fanchuang" has to wait until the next day to sell the goods to some other "Kwanchuang."

THE TRADE OF MENGTSZ.

The distance of Yunnan from the great markets of the world did not enable it to escape participation in the general depression of trade which existed practically throughout the whole commercial world during the year, according to the *Yunnan Trade Returns*, 1921, issued by the Chinese Maritime Customs. As there was scarcely any demand for tin in foreign countries, very little was sold abroad, and the price obtained for reimports into China fell as low as \$70 a picul, which is about the same as the cost of production at the mines of Kokin. However, merchants were able to keep going on the difference in exchange between the Hongkong and Yunnan currencies. As Hongkong dollars were throughout the year at a premium of 25 per cent. over the local currency, the merchants could rely on that amount of profit on each transaction, but when it is remembered that from that amount freight and insurance from the mines to Hongkong Customs duty, and Tonkin transit dues had to be paid, very little profit was left.

However, although profits were practically nil, the industry continued its existence, which was about as much as could be expected in these bad times. The export of tin was the lowest in the history of the port, namely, 98,000 piculs, which was about half of the usual exportation.

The completion in November of the light Ko-Pi Railway from the main line of the Yunnan-Tonkin Railway at Pishihohai to the mines at Kokin came too late to help the industry during the year

OPENING A BANK ACCOUNT.

Australian's Experience in London.

In my country, Australia, if you have money the banks want it. That misled me when in London, writes Dale Collins in a Home paper.

I walked into the bank just as though I had a right to do so. "I want to open an account," said I, and laid my money on the counter.

The clerk, surprised and suspicious, shot me a glance which gave me to understand he knew I was up to no good.

"An account?" he said darkly. I put both hands on the counter that he might see I was unarmed and tried to reassure him. He considered me for a while in silence.

"You may be able to see the manager," he mused. He called a manial and despatched him into the interior with a warning. Meanwhile he kept his eye on me.

After a lapse of time the manial returned.

"The manager will see you," said the clerk. "Will you wait a moment?"

It was difficult to convey a fitting appreciation of this kindness, but clearly an effort was needed.

ANOTHER LAPSE OF TIME.

Time lapsed again here, and then I stood in the presence of a mighty man in a beautiful coat. I had thought the clerk suspicious, but that was owing to a lack of comparison. The manager was the real thing. He was puzzled—on guard.

"I understand you want to open an account," he said, with the vexed note of interrogation reserved for the caller with the request inexplicable.

Humbly now, I told him it was so. I made a clean breast of it. "But who recommended you to come to us?"

Clearly he could have understood me wishing to go to anyone else. There might have been reason for that. But to his bank—ominous, preposterous!

I told him—with a foolish smile—that I'd like the look of the bank, that its Greco-Sarbanian face had charmed me. I tried to make him understand that I thought he had a nice little bank.

But he stroked his chin.

"Of course," he said, "you can give us references—another client?"

I urged my traveller's cheques upon him as the best of references for a banker, pleaded that I was not seeking an overdraft; tried to touch his heart by references to the loneliness of a great city.

He waved my money away as beside the point but my later eloquence crept into the strong-room of his heart. He set his jaw in the manner of one who makes a resolve and is prepared to face the consequences.

"Yes," he said, "we will accommodate you."

Overwhelmed by his kindness I gave him my name and went forth humbly. But since then I have been wondering a little.

FLOWERS THAT LIKE SITTING UP.

Sleep all Day if the Weather is Cold.

Why do the petals of flowers open and close? An interesting note has been presented to the Paris Academy by M. Gaston Bonnier on the work accomplished by MM. de Virville and Gaston in determining the reason.

Their experiments showed that contrary to the general belief, light has no action on the corolla. The hygrometric state of the air (that is, the amount of measured moisture contained) has very little action, and it appears to be almost entirely the temperature which regulates the opening and closing of flowers.

The century, which was cited as an example normally opens at about 11 a.m. in fine weather, but if it is placed in a cold spot it will remain closed all day.

On the other hand, if it is placed in a dark but warm spot it will open in the middle of the night.

under review. The construction of this line was a remarkable engineering feat, for which all the credit should be given to Mr. D. Niffa, the capable and energetic French engineer, who practically built the line single-handed.

KITCHENER'S LIFE FILM.

Steps Taken to Stop Its Production.

It was disclosed at Bow-street last month that the film which was the subject of an application to the magistrate on Wednesday dealt with the life of the late Lord Kitchener.

Mr. W. H. Percy, of the Leicester-square Cinema, answered a summons at the instance of the L.C.C., alleging a breach of the Cinematograph Act.

The assistant-solicitor to the L.C.C., in supporting the summons, said the object was to see whether the exhibition of the film, which, it was contended, should not be shown, could be stopped. A letter had been received from Mr. Percy, stating that he had instructed his solicitors to obtain an injunction against the showing of the film. He had granted a licence to "B. and H. Limited," who had given a sub-licence to a Mr. Freeman. He (Mr. Percy) had made it a condition that no film should be shown that had not been passed by the Board of Censors.

The film, added the solicitor, was irregular, as it had not been passed by the censors, and it must be stopped.

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SHANGHAI TO EUROPE BY YACHT.

Adventurous Voyage of Danish Seamen.

On or about January 20th, five present members of the crew of the Great Northern Co.'s cableship *Store Nordiske* are to leave Shanghai bound for Copenhagen in a small sailing yacht. The enterprise has been some time in contemplation, and now that the *Store Nordiske* is going out of commission, the adventurous five have decided to put their plan into operation. When seen yesterday by a representative of the *North-China Daily News* they were enthusiastic about the prospects of the voyage, plans for which are now nearing completion.

The little vessel on which they will set sail, the work of a Chinese builder in Yangtzepoo, has no greater bulk than 37 tons net, but she inspires confidence—"the best sea-going boat ever built," her future masters say. With a touch of imagination worthy of the occasion, she has been designed on lines known to the Vikings of ancient fame, with a beam of 16-ft., very broad in comparison with her length, 47-ft., and hull of lifeboat shape which will enable her to ride the heaviest sea with ease. She will have a clear deck and yawl rigging, and no other sailing power beyond a small motor engine of 10 h.p. for use in entering and leaving port. She will carry a small amount of ballast, adding to the stability secured by a four ton iron keel. The general construction is of teakwood and elm.

THE ADVENTUROUS CREW. There will be a crew of five, Messrs. P. N. Jensen, A. Ingwersen, H. Kjaer, E. Haugeland, and H. J. Vannan. They are all members of the Shanghai Yacht Club, and their fellow members will not doubt appreciate the distinction of having the club's flag carried round the world at the masthead of the S.Y. Shanghai, for so this modern successor to Beowulf's "foamy-necked floater" will be christened. As for the handling of the yacht, this will be on purely Bolshevik lines! There will be no captain. Equal shares have been taken in an enterprise estimated to cost some \$10,000. The voyagers hope to cover their expenses, but, obviously, the spirit of the thing is not financial, and they are looking forward to the interesting experience such a journey is bound to afford.

The course charted will cover some 16,000 miles. From Shanghai, the little boat will sail down the China coast to the Philippines, and thence along the north coast of Borneo. Here a call will be made at one or two of the small uninhabited islands, for whatever sport the occasion may offer (it will be holiday trip, with the five sailormen in no particular hurry). A course will then be steered through the Sunda Strait for the long run of 2,000 miles across the Indian Ocean to the Island of Rodriguez, where there is a telegraph station, thence to Mauritius, the French Reunion Island, and Madagascar.

The next stage will be across to Durban, then round by Cape Town and other South African ports to St. Helena and Ascension Island on to Cape Verde, and so up to the Azores and the English Channel. Various French and English ports will be called at before finally crossing to Copenhagen.

It is anticipated that the voyage will occupy the greater part of a year. It is a finely conceived undertaking, and we are sure that when these five young Danes set out from Shanghai they will have the best wishes of the whole foreign community for a voyage as prosperous as it surely will be interesting.—"N.C.D.N."

THE LUSITANIA.

No Guns, Troops, Or Explosives Aboard.

(By Associated-Press)

New York, December 4.—In a copyrighted article the *New York World* to-day publishes an official report of Dudley Field Malone, former collector of the port of New York, made to Secretary of the Treasury McAdoo on June 4, 1915, that the British steamer *Lusitania* carried no guns, no troops and no explosives but carried 5,400 cases of ammunition, when she was sunk by a German submarine.

Mr. Malone said that he made public the report because of insistent appeals for information regarding the contents of her cargo. On May 7, 1915, the *Canard* liner *Lusitania*, on a voyage from New York with 1,913 persons on board, was sunk without notice by a German submarine, ten miles off Old Head of Kinsale, off the southeast coast of Ireland. The vessel went down twenty-one minutes after the attack, with loss of 1,154 lives, including men, women and children of whom 114 were Americans. The German government at first claimed the *Lusitania* was armed.

On May 1, 1915, the day on which the *Lusitania* sailed on her last voyage, various New York morning papers contained the following advertisement:

"Notice—Travelers intending to embark on the Atlantic voyage are reminded that a state of war exists between Germany and her allies; that the zone of war includes the waters adjacent to the British Isles; that in accordance with formal notice given by the Imperial German government, vessels flying the flag of Great Britain or any of her allies, are liable to destruction in those waters; and that travelers sailing in the war zone on ships of Great Britain or her allies do so at their own risk.—Imperial German Embassy, Washington, D.C., April 22, 1915."

CREMATION AND CRIME.

Could Armstrong Have Escaped Detection?

In cases of cremation, when the possibility of exhumation is ruled out, what safeguard can be found against poisoning crimes?

This question raised another, equally pertinent, at a conference called recently at the Guildhall by the Cremation Society of England, "with special reference to the Armstrong case."

What safeguard exists against crime at present in cases of ordinary burial, where the system of death certificates is extremely lax?

Sir Malcolm Morris, who presided, said: "Everyone has in mind the Armstrong case. Many persons have asked me what would have happened in this case if the body had been buried instead of being cremated. They say there would have been no evidence on which to convict."

"But what is wanted is a closer investigation as the cause of death instead of the present casual manner of granting certificates for the burial of the dead."

Sir William Willcox, adviser to the Home Office, said it was obvious "that when a person had been poisoned, all trace of the poison would disappear if the body were cremated. This danger was guarded against as far as possible by the demanding of two certificates from the ordinary medical practitioner and one from a specialist."

CARNIVOROUS PARROT.

Some New Birds at the Zoo.

Lady Abbey has recently presented to the Zoo a healthy example of the Kea parrot of the South Island of New Zealand, notorious because it has actually menaced sheep-farming by attacking and killing living sheep.

The Kea, *Nestor notabilis*, is a lightly built bird, rather smaller than the grey talking parrots of West Africa. The male has olive green plumage with dark edges to the contour feathers, bright blue and yellow patches on the wings and tail, and tracts of brilliant scarlet on the rump and underwing coverts. The female is similar in coloration, but with all the shades duller and the contrasts less marked. They are hardy birds, in summer going high up on the snowy mountain ranges, and in winter coming down to the warmer plains. They fly strongly, and generally travel in little flocks.

The smaller parrots are chiefly vegetable feeders, living on grains, fruits, flowers, seeds, and bulbs. But many also take insects greedily, and that larger parrots often hunt for grubs; in captivity it has been found useful to mix a little fat with their food occasionally. The Kea has a very near relative, the Mountain Kaka, which lives on juicy fruits, flowers, and honey but it also searches decaying tree trunks for insects and grubs, of which it takes large quantities.

The Kea is supposed to have had a similar diet originally, but when sheep were introduced into New Zealand it took to pecking sheepskins hung up in country stations; probably it was attracted first by maggots, but it acquired a taste for animal food. It now perches on the backs of living sheep, and picks at their flesh until it produces fatal wounds. Lady Abbey's gift is exhibited in one of the outdoor cages of the Parrot House.

Six cream-colored *Columba*, *Columba palumbus*, purchased from Mr. Rogers, of Liverpool, and exhibited in the Small Birds' House, are another very rare addition to the collection, apparently the first examples possessed by the Zoo. They are plover-like birds with down-curved, long bills and a creamy yellow plumage barred with black. They inhabit desert plains from North Africa to North India, and have been noted as stray visitors to Great Britain and Southern Europe. On being alarmed they crouch to avoid notice and seldom take to flight, but escape by very swift running. Their food consists of insects, such as grasshoppers.—*The Times*.

PERTINENT PARS.

Most of us have an idea that heaven is a place where there is enough good luck to go around.

Pork costs the most after it is made into chicken salad.

Moving the telephone hook too rapidly doesn't give a signal but it relieves the mind a little.

Winter brings back the man who takes a cold bath daily and lies about other things also.

Riches do not bring happiness, but J. Pierpont Morgan had 353 tons of coal in his cellar.

No man is boss in his own home unless the family is away.

A movie producer plans to dramatize the ten commandments if the censors don't cut some of them out.

You may think your luck is bad, but what about the man who

LIQUID EGGS FROM CHINA.

Their Use in Restaurants.

A note on the subject of liquid eggs which I wrote in September, states the London correspondent of the *Manchester Guardian*, has been questioned by a leading firm in the trade concerned, and on referring the matter back to my original informant I find that the chief statements in it were based on a state of things that does not now exist. Liquid eggs are being used for consumption in many ways, but are not being sold to the general public over the counter, and are not now sold in retail packages. In 1919 an arrangement was made by the trade with the Health Authorities by which a guarantee is furnished by those interested in the trade that the material will be sold only to the baking, wholesale confectionery, and allied trades.

The percentage of boric acid present in egg products also does not now vary, as the trade as a whole have guaranteed to observe a maximum percentage as recommended by the authorities. The sale of liquid eggs and dried eggs from the East has enormously increased, and cheapness of our cakes, sweet breads, and shell eggs largely depends on the supply. I regret any prejudice to the trade that may have resulted from my paragraph.

THE "ROYAL ROYCE."

Interesting Case in Japan.

Arising out of a protest registered by Sir E. F. Crowe, H.M. Commercial Attaché in Japan, an interesting case has just been decided by the Japanese Patent Office.

The trade mark to which exception was taken on the part of the British authorities was one containing the words "Royal Royce" as the name of a bicycle, and the grounds for the protest were the similarity between this and that of the well-known car manufacturers, Rolls Royce. It was admitted that Messrs. Rolls Royce do not manufacture bicycles, but it was pointed out that certain parts of a cycle might possibly be used in a car and that accordingly the public might be misled.

The applicant for the patent stated that he chose the English word "royal" in the sense of splendid, and the word Royce he obtained from the capital letters of the Japanese expression "Rinkai Oni Yohi-sun Cycle" (a cycle pre-eminent in the world of bicycle) and so coined the expression Royal Royce.

The Japanese Patents Bureau held that the protest was well founded and delivered judgment accordingly.

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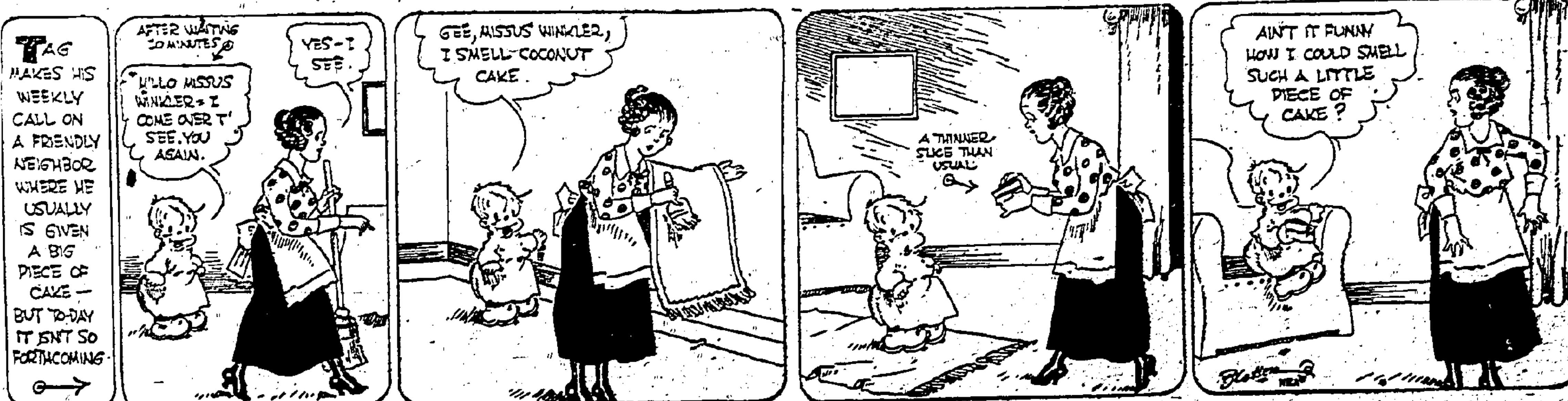
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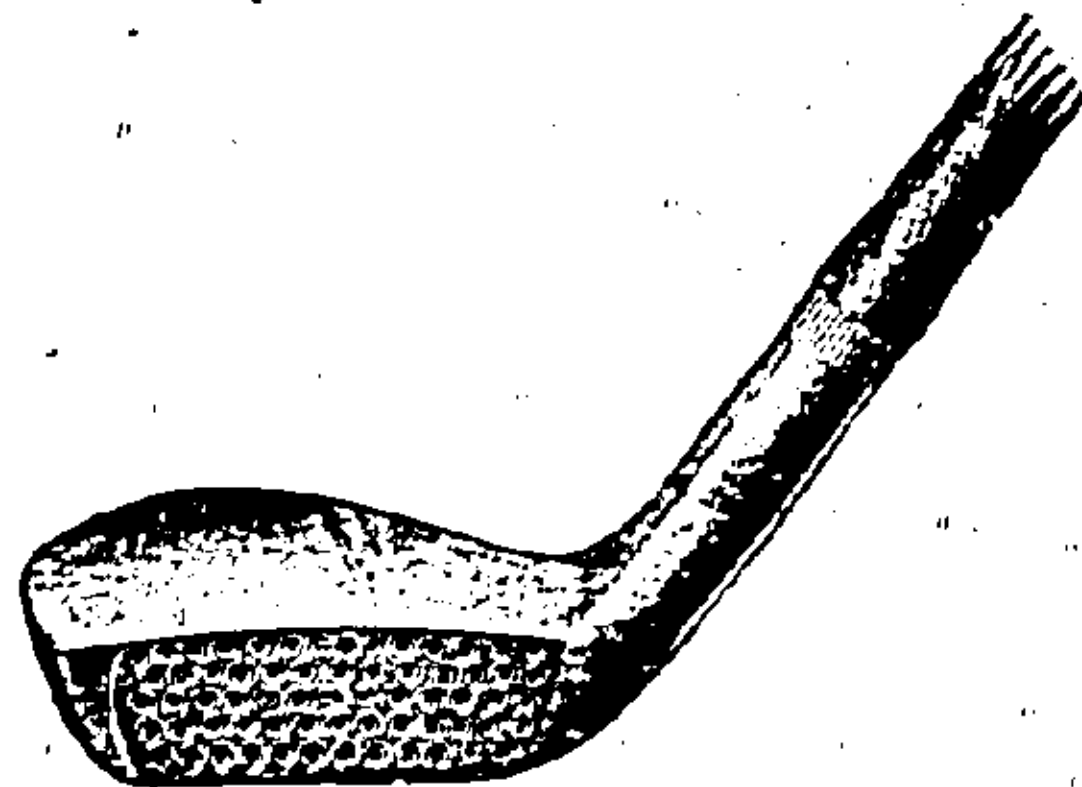
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UNREST IN INDIA.

The ferment in India closely concerns all portions of the British Empire in the East. This new tone of Indian public opinion—that is, the opinion of the literate sections of the population—is merely one phase of the general change in the Asiatic political outlook. The reasons for this marked difference in the relationship between Indians and Europeans, compared with even ten years ago, have been speculated upon a great deal recently, and much ink has flowed in the attempts by various scribes to diagnose the case and find remedies for it. One point of view we have seen put forward is that the present system of appointments to the Civil Service—by competitive examination—is to blame to some extent. It is claimed that the natives of India had more respect for the representatives of the ruling race when they were aristocrats appointed through family influence; whereas the examination system enabled men to join the Service who, however much mere book-learning helped them to gain the requisite total of marks, were as often as not unfitted to administer responsible duties, especially where native susceptibilities had to be considered. They, it is alleged, have had recourse to arrogance when tact was needed. There may be something to be said for this way of looking at the matter; but we have also to consider the dangerous sedition that has arisen owing to two main causes—the spread of imperfectly absorbed education, and the attempt by the Indian "intelligentsia" to obtain more power in shaping the destinies of the country, not so much for the good of their fellow nationals as because they have their own axes to grind. The more dangerous elements of the agitators in India comprise the half-baked politicians who have just sufficient learning to give them an inflated opinion of themselves. They would be careful to save their own skins in the event of actual revolt, for they are using the untutored masses—who really care not who govern them, so long as the government is good—as their cat's paws. On the other hand, the more warlike races of India, such as the Sikhs, Mohamadan Punjabis, and the like, are also disaffected; and here we

can trace the "hidden hand" of Britain's enemies, including, of course, a number of Bolshevik agents. Propaganda amongst the multitude of races, castes and creeds in the country has been carried on to such a pitch that by now formidable numbers of persons in all parts of India are gravely disaffected. The Amritsar affair, the Moplah rebellion, the riots at Bombay and elsewhere during the visit of the Prince of Wales, and the more recent Akali trouble, are all pointers to the progress of the doctrine of revolt. The cult of non-co-operation, introduced by Gandhi—known as "mahatma" or "saint"—to his ardent worshippers—deserves a separate reference. Gandhi appears to have lighted a fire which he cannot now control. From a peaceful campaign of non-resistance—including in its scope a foolish boycott of British-made goods which involved the destruction of much valuable property—the idea of non-co-operation has spread so far out of bounds that it embraces among its devotees the worst elements of rowdies and thugs in the land. Despite the recent reforms granted by the Raj, such as the Indianisation of the Services, there is a recrudescence of sedition—for example the efforts emanating from an Indian Bolshevik with his headquarters in Berlin. His idea is to have a Soviet in India, and he is evidently too much of a fanatic to realise that, if the Soviet doctrines have failed in a country where the people were in the main of one race and religion, the introduction of Bolshevism in a land containing a multiplicity of nationalities and creeds like India can only mean chaos of an unexampled and unimaginable character.

Britain is undoubtedly faced with a problem which would be enough to overwhelm a weaker Government. It is regrettable that, while our enemies are casting envious eyes on a country which has been described as the finest jewel in the British Crown, and are working in secret to do us all the harm they can there, our politicians are calmly consenting to a weakening of the forces of law and order. Peaceful-minded, sane Indians, who realise the abounding benefits of British rule, are as much alarmed at the outlook which they visualise before them as are the Europeans whose lot it is to spend the best part of their lives in the country. They possibly have very good reason to feel apprehensive. We who are outside India, but are near enough to feel the pulse of that land, can but "wait and see."

Heroes of Other Days.

As many of our readers may know, the officers and men of the British forces who fell before Canton in the fighting some sixty odd years ago were buried outside the North Gate. Their graves have for many years been in a state of disrepair, sadly calling for attention. Thanks to the interest aroused by Col. Hailey Bell of Macao and the War Graves Commission, with the assistance of the military chaplain and the British Consul General at Canton the remains of these heroes of other days have now been exhumed and transferred to Christ Church, Shamshu, where a very handsome memorial has been erected. It is understood that the dedication ceremony in connection with the re-interment of these remains will take place in the course of the next few days, and doubtless the Hongkong chaplains to the Forces will be invited to be present, and possibly the General Officer Commanding as well. As the General could not very well attend a ceremony of this description in multifarious and could not go in uniform without calling on the local officials, the occasion would seem to us to provide an excellent opportunity for Hongkong to resume friendly and formal relations with the provincial authorities. We understand that

DAY BY DAY.

IF YOU CAN MEND A SITUATION MEND IT; IF YOU CAN'T MEND IT, FORGET IT.

Mr. W. A. Dowley returned to the Colony by the President Lincoln.

Mrs. Wellington Koo and infant passed through on the Kashgar, bound for Singapore.

Amongst the passengers who left for Home by the s.s. Kashgar to-day were Professor and Mrs. Digby, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Penman, Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Barlow, Mrs. Bullock, Capt. and Mrs. Ballard, Lieut. Comdr. P. C. G. Turner and Mr. T. Dallin.

Mr. H. W. Looker, formerly a solicitor practising in Hongkong, contested the Central Hill seat at the General Election, but was defeated by Lt. Col. Kenworthy. Independent Liberal, Mr. Looker, who stood as a Conservative, polled 13,347 votes in a constituency returning 35,037 voters. His opponent secured a majority of 3,027.

It was a happy inspiration which led the Coronet management to select a film version of "Little Lord Fauntleroy" for their Christmas week picture. Of the various yuletide attractions it was by no means the least. Essentially a picture which appeals to the younger generation, it possesses at the same time a very great interest for old folk because of the amazing performance of Mary Pickford in the dual role of Cadric Errol and Dearest, his mother.

Owing to every available seat having been booked for to-day's matinee performance of "The Tempest," it has been decided to give an extra matinee on Wednesday next, January 3rd, at 5.15 p.m. This will be the final performance and has been rendered possible only by the courtesy of St. George's Society who had a prior claim on the City Hall and Theatre for that date. Booking for this extra matinee will open at Moutrie's to-morrow morning. Children will be admitted at half-price as before. Soldiers and sailors will likewise be admitted at half-price to all performances.

The removal of these graves allows of considerable municipal improvements at the North Gate, the carrying out of which the authorities have been keen on for some considerable time past. In calling, therefore, on the Canton authorities, the General would be able to express thanks for assistance given and express some gratification that the improvements may now be undertaken without interfering with a very old and historic British cemetery.

Wage Reductions.

Recent figures regarding wage declines at Home show that within a period of about twenty-one months ending on September 30th, last an average reduction of something like 35 per cent has taken place. Relatively to the cost of living, however, as the monthly review issued by Barclay's Bank points out, the reductions would appear to be more nominal than real, as the index number at the end of December, 1920, was 165 whilst by the end of September last it had declined to 78. What it is of importance to remember in this connection is that the preceding figures only relate to averages, and there is a considerable disparity between the relative increases not only in different industries, but also among the various classes of workers within those industries, while the wages again vary in different districts. In some cases, we are told, the increases in full-time weekly rates at the end of September last are equivalent to little more than 20 per cent, above pre-war rates, while in others as much as 120 or 130 per cent, or even more, is being received. These inequalities are bad, and the workers in certain competitive export trades are being especially hit by the reductions. The relative remuneration of all workers needs placing on a more equitable basis, for, necessary as reductions are if our trade is to revive, it is bad that there should be these disparities, which only serve to increase strife and dissension in the ranks of the industrial workers.

ROUND THE TOWN.

(By "Gadabout.")

What an unmitigated nuisance you feel you are making of yourself when you go to the Supreme Court when the Court is sitting. Every time you put your foot down on those stone tiles it seems to make enough noise to awaken the dead. It must be no end disturbing to the judges, the counsel and the solicitors. You can't creep up and down the corridors on tip-toe all the time. Why ever they chose that kind of flooring for a building where silence is necessary beats me. And besides being so noisy, it's always in need of repair. The climate affects it. The tiles contract or expand according to the whim of the Clerk of the Weather. They're always having to have workmen in to fix 'em up. I've often wondered they don't try rubber tiles. They might be a bit expensive at first compared to stone, but rubber's fairly cheap now. I'll bet the upkeep wouldn't be half such a job, and you'd be able to walk about in the vicinity of the Courts then without any fear of disturbing anybody.

What's happened to all our dollar bills? By the look of those that do float around, I should say they are fading away. Went into a shop the other day and made a purchase amounting to thirty-five cents. Of course, I lacked five cents to pay the bill in small change. The smallest note I had was a five-dollar bill. Shopman took it, sighed, routed out two grimy dollar notes and the small change, and to make up the other two dollars fished out two huge silver medallions, one of which had been banged hard with a hammer and the other having some inscription on it about liberty. Nothin' doin', I told him; so he gave me the two dollars in ten-cent pieces. These weighed my pocket down so much that I had to go along to my tobaccoist and buy some tobacco. I didn't really want, just to get rid of some of 'em. The money that's being passed round the Colony these times almost makes you wish we could go back to the old days of barter again. It's filthy lucre in more senses than one. Wish the banks would go round to the Morning Post wherever they go and get 'em to print a few million new notes. Judging by the rate of the dollar, it seems pretty evident that silver's going to be given away soon, but surely it's not commoner than paper just yet.

Heard the latest catch? We were coming over on the Ferry this morning. Seeing one of the light cruisers steaming out of harbour was responsible for one of the party springing it on us. This is it, and you get five seconds to answer. Placing them end-upwards, how many vessels of the Hawkins class would it take to reach the top of The Peak? One fellow suggested six, another went as high as thirty. It would take about three. The Hawkins is 600 feet in length; the Peak Tram station is some 1,500 feet high, and the flagstaff something over 1,800. Seems difficult to realise it when you see the Hawkins lying alongside the wall and then look up at The Peak, half obscured in the early morning mists, doesn't it?

Reuter keeps us pretty well informed regarding the affairs of the world. Yesterday there were wires from America, India, New Zealand, Greece and South Africa. On Saturday we were told of the doings of France, Holland, America, Germany and Canada, amongst other places. The little things that happen at Home, they don't seem to consider worth cabling, unless it's that some big wig's got another bunion, or something in that line. Perhaps they think we see the Home papers and get all the news we want out of them. I always read the English papers myself; I find it a good cure for homesickness. I had a letter the other day saying that the cost of living's coming down a bit. That's good news for anybody going on leave. They must have been having a bad time during the last few years. A big factory which employs some thirteen thousand men has, after a couple of years, started working again on Saturday morning. Farm labourers are down to twenty-five and twenty-seven bob a week, and they're expecting to come down to a single Fisher. If Reuter would tell us some of those little things I'm thinking it

PRIZE DAY.

At Ellis Kadoorie School for Indians.

The annual distribution of prizes in connection with the Ellis Kadoorie School for Indians, at Sookranpoo, took place this morning, the awards being given away by Mr. E. Ralph, Inspector of Schools. Amongst those present were Mr. B. Wyllie and Mr. U. Rumsjohn, members of the Board of Education.

Mr. A. R. Sutherland, M.A., headmaster, read the report which stated that during the year, the school was opened 226 times, as compared with 223 in 1921. The maximum enrolment was 103 and the average attendance 91.8, almost the same as last year, when it was 92. The attendance was very good, considering that many boys lived long distances from the school—some came from Sheung Shui and Fanling every morning. In regard to equipment, the report stated that in November some very useful equipment was received from England, and with what they expect to get next year they would have a very well equipped school. Discipline had been good, and the prefects had been of great assistance. At the annual examinations in Class 4, thirteen boys passed out of sixteen. In the other classes, seventy passed out of eighty. The work all over had been very satisfactory. The health of the school had been very good. The garden had been very popular. With the exception of Class 8, each class has a small flower garden and a small vegetable garden to look after, and some very good object lessons were taught in these gardens, as cotton, coffee, potatoes, tomatoes, okras, etc., had been successfully grown. The school suffered a very great loss by the death of Sir Ellis Kadoorie, who built the school and presented it to the Government for the education of Indian boys. He also paid fees for many of the pupils, as also does Mr. Arculli, Mr. Nemasse and Mr. U. Rumsjohn, to all of whom thanks were due, as they also were to Messrs. Cassam Ahmed for an annual donation of \$15 towards the prizes, and to Mr. Bohan Singh and the other masters for their support in classroom, playgrounds and garden.

Mr. Ralph, in presenting the prizes, complimented the school on the good attendance and the health of the pupils. He also referred to the death of Sir Ellis Kadoorie, remarking that his foremost idea in his educational benefactions was to foster love and loyalty for the British Empire, and he (Mr. Ralph) hoped the boys would always bear that in mind.

MISTAKEN IDENTITY.

Taikoo Tug-master Proves Aliibi.

Charged with failing to observe the rule of the road in the harbour, on Dec. 5th, the master of the steam tug Taikoo Kon put forward the plea at the Marine Court that he was not at fault in his tug at the time of the alleged offence.

The case first came before Comdr. Beckwith on Friday, when the master of Harbour Department launch No. 5 gave evidence that at half-past seven on the night of the 5th, he was taking the Harbour Master, Mr. Hallifax and Mr. Sutherland from Yau-mai to Murray Pier. A tug, which witness took to be the Taikoo Kon, came up from astern and passed ahead of him so close that he was obliged to stop his engines to avoid a collision. Witness could not see the name of the tug, but he thought he recognised it as the Taikoo Kon.

Defendant's story was that he was not at fault in his tug at 6.40 p.m. on the 5th. This was supported by a letter from the Taikoo Sugar Refining Company, Ltd., stating that the tug was alongside the wharf at Quarry Bay at 6.40 p.m. and did not leave again until the following morning. Comdr. Beckwith adjourned the case until this morning, when he dismissed the case on the ground that there was no proof that defendant was not at his wharf at the time in question.

would stop a deal of grouching. Hongkong doesn't seem such a bad place after all.

Suppose I ought to write something about Christmas. But somehow or other, Christmas seems very different on the day after Boxing Day to what it did on Christmas Eve. Perhaps it's better to forget it.

DE COLBERT CASE.

Trial to Begin To-morrow.

Our Canton correspondent states that the trial of Dr. de Colbert, the German held in custody on suspicion of being implicated in recent bomb outrages, is to commence to-morrow. The case will come before Judge Chang Sing-yun, whilst the prosecution will be in the hands of Yu Sik-yun.

CRICKET.

University v. Infantry.

The friendly match played on the University ground on Saturday between the Infantry and the University resulted in a win for the visitors. Scores:—

University.	
T. E. Yeoh, c and b Allan	5
C. A. Peterson, c Allen, b White	3
P. E. Choo, run out	3
H. N. Balhetchet, lb.w. b Martin	37
S. H. Ong, b White	0
J. L. Shellshear, c Jessop, b White	23
Lam Hor Yin, run out	4
B. P. Ng, c Armstrong, b Jessop	6
M. B. Osman, c and b Allan	1
T. O. Yeow, not out	1
R. Ponsonby Fane, b Martin	9
Extras	4
Total	93

Bowling.

O.	M.	R.	W.
White	13	5	20
Allan	10	0	38
Martin	5	0	27
Jessop	1	0	4

Infantry.

White, b Ong	13
Moorhead, st. Ponsonby Fane, b Yeoh	9
Wright, b Peterson	49
Allan, b Balhetchet	9
Howard, c Ponsonby Fane, b Balhetchet	4
Martin, c Osman, b Yeoh	0
Lammond, c Lam, b Yeoh	1
Jessop, b Balhetchet	3
Irbis, b Balhetchet	1
Bliss, c Osman, b Yeoh	0
Armstrong, not out	0
Extras	9
Total	106

HOME FOOTBALL.

Latest League Results.

(Reuters Service). London, Dec. 26.—The results of football matches played on Saturday were as follows:—

First League.	
Huddersfield T. 4 Arsenal	0
Newcastle U. 4 Aston Villa	0
Everton 2 Birmingham	1
Bolton Wanderers 3 Blackburn R.	0
Oldham A. 1 Burnley	0
Manchester C. 5 Cardiff C.	1
Tottenham H. 3 Chelsea	1
Notts F. 1 Liverpool	3
Stoke 0 Middlesbrough	0
W. Brom. A. 1 Sunderland	1
Preston N. E. 2 Sheffield U.	3

Scottish League.

Aberdeen 0 Arbroath	1
Albion R. 1 Hearts	2
Airdrie 0 Rangers	2
Ayr. U. 4 Clyde	1
Celtic 1 Kilmarnock	2
Falkirk 1 Dundee	0
Hamilton A. 3 Third Lanark	1
Hibernians 0 Morton	1
Partick T. 3 Raith R.	0
St. Mirren 4 Motherwell	3

Results of Holiday Matches.

London, Dec. 27. The following are the results of the Christmas Day matches:—

FIRST DIVISION.	
Bolton Wanderers 4 Arsenal	1
Burnley 1 Aston Villa	0
Birmingham 0 Huddersfield	0
Blackburn R. 1 Preston N.E.	1
Chelsea 2 Nottingham	2
Everton 0 Manchester City	0
Oldham 0 Liverpool	2
Newcastle U. 1 Middlesbrough	1
Tottenham 2 Sheffield U.	1

SCOTTISH LEAGUE.

Third Lanark 2 Dundee	0
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The following are the results of the Boxing Day matches:—

FIRST DIVISION.	
Cardiff City 3 W. B. Albion	0
Arsenal 5 Bolton W.	0
Aston Villa 3 Burnley	4
Huddersfield 4 Birmingham	0
Preston N.E. 1 Blackburn R.	0
Nottingham 0 Chelsea	4
Manchester C. 2 Everton	1
Liverpool 2 Oldham A.	1
Middlesbrough 1 Newcastle U.	1
Sheffield U. 2 Tottenham	2
Stoke 1 Sunderland	2

TO-DAY'S CRICKET.

Navy Make a Good Score.

The Army and Navy teams met in connection with the triangular cricket contest, on the H.K. C.C. ground to-day, and the Navy, batting first, compiled a useful total. They had lost nine wickets for 127 runs at the luncheon interval, and on the resumption added a very useful 30 before the last wicket fell. Lt. Norris with 59 and Rev. Purcell with 37 were the mainstays of the side. Capt. Havelock Davies was the most successful trundler for the Army.

The Navy scores were:—	
Lt. Norris, b. Capt. Davies	59
Lt. Com. Hooper, c. Capt. Officer, b. S. M. Pearson	5
Mid. Evans, b. Capt. Davies	1
Lt. Lake, c. & b. Capt. Davies	12
Com. Wood, c. M. S. Pearson, b. Capt. Davies	11
Sub-Lt. Sharpe, c. Bacon, b. Capt. Davies	9
Lt. Lindsell, b. Capt. Spinks	0
Rev. Purcell, c. Capt. Officer, b. Capt. Davies	37
Pay. Lt. Gregory, st. Howard, b. Capt. Spinks	8
Lt. Beatty, run out	1
Capt. Quinlan, not out	7
Extras	7
Total	157

The Army had lost one wicket for 24 runs at the time of our going to press, the dismissed batsman being Capt. Davies, who was caught and bowled by Mid. Evans after knocking up six runs. The remainder of the first wicket total was mainly contributed by Capt. Officer, who was in fine form.

LORD CHANCELLOR'S EXPERIENCE.

In the Days of the Press Gang.

Lord Birkenhead is said to be avid of experience, but there is one that he does not and is not likely to know—that of being pressed for the navy which, if the papers of the time can be believed, actually befell a predecessor on the Wool-sack, Lord Thurlow.

It is said to have happened on the 14th July, 1790, and the story was told as follows:—The Lord Chancellor was pressed on Wednesday evening in Long Acre as he was walking, buttoned up as usual in his old rusty grey frock, slouched hat, and scratch wig. They took him. He blustered and swore in his usual rough manner, and the very means that he took to persuade them he was the Lord Chancellor but served to convince them the more that he was some impudent bullying fellow who wished to make his escape by that means. "You a Chancellor, you black-looking son of a gun," exclaimed the lieutenant. "Dadme, I should rather suspect you for a swabber. No, no, bear a hand. You have a d—i fine hulk and good timbers of your own and we'll make you a Lord Chancellor, I'll warrant."

With a good deal of oratory, however, they were prevailed to go with him to Ormond Street, where to their utter astonishment they found that he was really the Lord Chancellor of England. His lordship then entered into the joke and dismissed them with a drink.—M.G.

MIGRATING BIRDS.

Liner As An Aviary.

The Cunard liner Scythia, which arrived at Liverpool recently from New York, when four hundred miles from the American shore with a strong easterly wind blowing, was boarded by a flock of birds numbering several thousands. The birds alighted on the ship's deck. It was presumed they had been blown to sea during migration from North to South America.

The species included were wild canaries, redbreasts, linnets, thrushes, sandpipers, and juncos. The flock also included three owls and carrier pigeons. One owl was of a particularly ferocious type with a cat-like face and two horns. The owls and the pigeons were captured but a number of the smaller birds died from exhaustion. The birds were quite at home in the ship's garden lounges with their growing trees and shrubs. A number were still flying about on the ship's deck on arrival at Liverpool and had become so tame as to feed from the passengers' hands.

WORLD'S FLIGHT PROJECT.

Probable Start Next Spring.

In the current number of the "Bulletin" of the Air League of the British Empire, there is an interesting statement in which full details are given of the round-the-world flight, which is being organized under the auspices of the League and which it is hoped will start about March 15, 1923, and finish about the end of June. The most difficult part of the arrangement is the question of finance; it appears £8,000 is still required. This is the one remaining long-distance flight now to be attempted, and it is hoped it will be accomplished by a British expedition. The flight is organized by Captain F. Timms, M.C., who will have Captain E. J. K. McCloughy, D.S.O., D.F.C., and Mr. R. H. McIntosh to assist him. Captain Timms will be the navigator, he being one of the five people who hold the Air Ministry licence as a serial navigator.

DETAILS OF THE ROUTE.

The route proposed is as follows:—England, Bordeaux, Athens, Basra, Bombay, Rangoon, Hongkong, Tokyo, Pootravorsk, Aleutian Islands, Vancouver, Winnipeg, Newfoundland, Azores, Lisbon, England. The time of start has been selected to avoid the bad weather seasons on all parts of the route. No other time of the year but the spring is suitable.

The scientific information which will be obtained from the flight will be of great value to the future of aircraft and aero-engine construction. Particularly valuable will be the data obtained from the fact that the machine will cruise with the engine running at half horsepower. The machine proposed is a Fairey twin-float seaplane specially designed for the flight by the Fairey Aviation Co., Ltd., on the lines of the Portuguese Transatlantic seaplane built for Captain Saccadero Cabral. This machine will be fitted with a Rolls-Royce 670-h.p. Condor engine, and is so designed that the engine will be running on the average at about 320-h.p., thus making for long life and economy. The machine will have a cabin providing accommodation for a crew of five. Normally the crew will consist of four (two pilots, the navigator and one mechanic), but it is necessary a skilled cinematographer will be carried. The average cruising speed at 320 h.p. will be 73 m.p.h., the total weight 12,920 lb., endurance 20½ hours, range 1495 statute miles.

OVER THE SEA.

For the sea part of the route, harbours frequented by ships will be used, with the exception of Simushir Simushir (Broughton Bay), Attu (Chichagoff Harbour), and Atka (Nazan Bay). In all the other places mooring facilities exist, and it will be necessary when petrol is deposited to arrange for a suitably sheltered berth. It is intended to approach the Japanese and Canadian Governments with a view to their patrolling parts of the Pacific Ocean, and it is hoped that if the flight is successful so far, the British Admiralty will detail some boat or boats for this purpose in the Atlantic. No reliance, however, is being placed on receiving this assistance.

THREE V.C.'S MEET PRINCE.

It is not often that three winners of the Victoria Cross are to be found sitting at the same dinner-table, but the Prince of Wales had an opportunity of meeting a trio of the holders of the highest decoration when he attended the reunion dinner of the R.N.V.R. Auxiliary patrol. These V.C.'s are all naval men, and old brother-officers of the Prince. Captain Campbell won his Cross after distinguished service in the Dardanelles, and also holds the D.S.O. three times over; Lieutenant-Commander Drummond also wears the Legion of Honour from the French Government, and Lieutenant-Commander Percy T. Dean gained the award for rescuing officers and men from blockships at the famous raid on Zeebrugge in April 1918.

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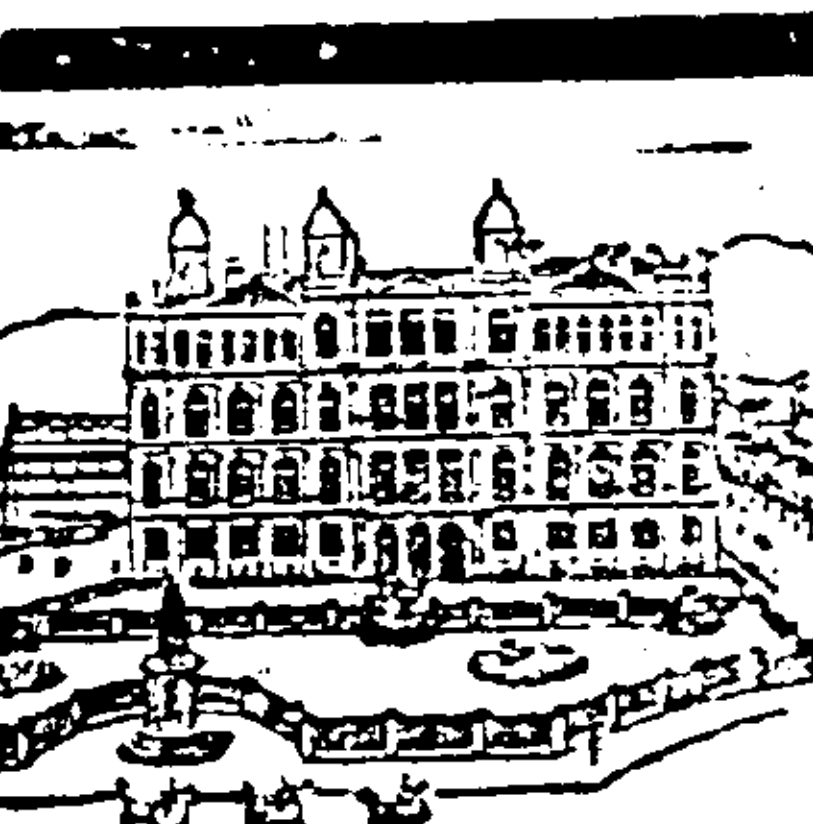
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CHILD VOTERS.

Polling at Recent Election.

A boy of two voted in the Portsmouth Central constituency. At Grimsby a six-year-old boy, William Thompson, recorded his vote.

A boy, aged five and a half years, who was accompanied by his mother, voted at one of the polling stations at Heywood (Lancs). His name was on the register, and his mother declared that he was the only person of the same name at the address.

Two children voted at Hull. One, Andrew Ford, the son of a docker, was only three years old. His vote was recorded for Commander Kenworthy. A 12-year-old boy voted in South West Hull for the Rev. D. Pugh, a Lloyd George candidate.

Mr. Alfred Lester, the comedian, found the youngest voter in the Balham division in a little girl of three years, whose name was on the register, and had received the election literature. He took the young voter to the poll in his car, and carried her in his arms into the polling booth.

The youngest voter in the Peterborough Division, Reginald Wileman, aged 11, presented himself at a polling station and, in company with his father, placed the first ballot paper in the box. In order to signalize the event Master

PERVERSIONS OF CLASSIC MUSIC.

A Protest in Paris.

The dancing world of Paris has tired of "jazz" music, which is giving way in the dancing rooms to perversions of Chopin's "Funeral March" and the "Dance Macabre" of Saint-Saens. The dancers are inspired to languid and ceremonious motion by strains which recall Schumann, Beethoven, and the music of La Tosca and Manon.

The Society of Authors and Composers is determined not to tolerate this. Its members regard themselves as the defenders of the rights of dead artists and they are distressed that the works of Mozart, Beethoven, Schumann, and Chopin should be turned to such profane uses. They have addressed a protest to the dancing halls and the restaurants where dancing during dinner is a popular attraction, and they appeal to the artistic consciousness of the musicians in these establishments.

Wileman forwarded a decorated horse-shoe to the Conservative candidate, Mr. H. L. G. Brassey, who afterwards toured the division with the horse-shoe attached to his car, as a mascot.

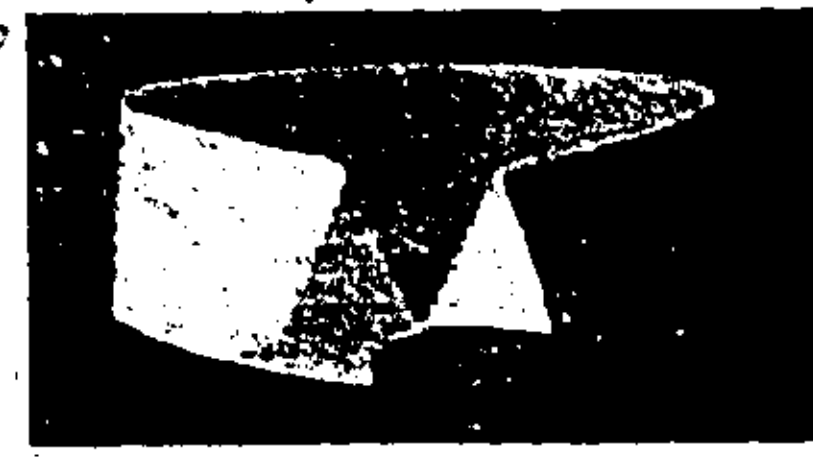
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THE NEW MOTIFS.

On many of the newest dresses the draperies are caught up on the left hip. This invites the introduction of motifs which are often splendid in both colour and workmanship. They hold the draperies in place and either tone in colour with the dress or provide it with a beautiful contrast. Many of the designers have gone to the Italian Renaissance for inspiration, with the result that we see graceful ornaments of fruit and flowers fashioned in composition and glowing with gorgeous colour. More than one evening dress in otherwise unrelieved black owes its brilliance to such an ornament as this. On others—still in black—colour motifs give way to silver or gold, fashioned into bunches of grapes, neoclassical, and leaves.

But the Renaissance is not the only period recalled by these motifs. Clasp of Egyptian character are by no means uncommon, and these, while holding the draperies, are finished with long fringes which fall to the feet. An example of this is to be seen on a dress in white brocade of which both the clasp and the fringes are in scarab blue and pearls. Another dress in gold and black (which looks at a little distance exactly like old English lacquer) displays girdle and clasp in finely cut jet, with huge polished cabochons forming the clasp.

INTERESTING.

Jewelled heels are frequently seen on the fanciest shoes. Beaded materials in gorgeous colours are used for strap pumps. These frequently are worn with flesh-coloured hosiery.

A picture hat of black velvet is lined with silver lace and has a bow or pink satin ribbon falling over the left side. It is worn with a black velvet frock.

THE DAINTY WOMAN.

The dainty woman is unmistakable. She always looks charmingly fresh and cool, with unsullied gloves and shoes, whatever the weather or the hour.

Her success is due to assiduous care of her appearance and clothes, to her unerring selection of the least muddy side of the street, and her avoidance of unnecessary grasping of grimy rails.

Personal daintiness is evinced by extreme neatness. Stockings and gloves may be carefully mended, but holes and ladders are there none; her clothes, brush, benzine and a hot iron are in constant attendance on the dainty woman's wardrobe; while her feet are always well shod, and such accessories as her handbag and umbrella are kept in good condition, the latter neatly rolled when not in use. Everything about her has the fresh appearance which is the hall-mark of daintiness.

There are some colours and materials which specially lend themselves to dainty toilette. Delicate shades of grey and fawn give this impression, while fine lace, with here and there the sparkle of a jewel, has a charm of its own.

VICTORIA MODES.

Crinoline stiffened skirts are more than a predicted revival, they are already appearing in Paris.

The scientifically-made frame of wire with hinges of tape, at present generally introduced only over the hips, which is the basis of the modern crinoline, is much more easily adjustable than that which the ladies of the fifties and sixties had to manipulate if they wished to sit down or step into their carriages with ease and grace. That wire and whalebone cage had an awkward habit of shooting up in front or at the side if not treated with due respect, and, sometimes, on a windy day, of blowing inside out like an umbrella over the unfortunate wearer's head!

Cameo brooches, old-fashioned seed-pearl earrings, and wide bracelets, such as our grandmothers wore, are also in demand, and possessors of exquisite miniatures of be-ringed forebears are having them set into brooches and as plaques on black velvet wristlets, to be displayed with a crinoline frock.

Hair in elaborate puffs and curls, possibly adorned with a demure wreath, and low-heeled shoes, should be affected with these period toilettes.

This mode is, however, only to be worn by the woman possessing a tall and shapely figure. She alone can look dignified and charming in extremely wide, swaying skirts to her insteps, or carry the corset-like bodice, cut to fit her closely, which distinguishes this Victorian style.

**NOVEL CIGARETTE
CASES.**

A cigarette case of engraved crystal, with the owner's initial in diamonds across one corner, is a pretty trifle for a feminine vanity bag. Enamel and tortoise-shell cases, with jewelled clasps and the monograms in precious stones, are other fancies which are as charming as they are expensive. It is a pretty idea to have a facsimile of your own handwriting carried out in enamel or diamonds, and for a gift to a fiancée or bridegroom this is especially appropriate.

Onyx cases, elaborately or simply inlaid with lapis lazuli, are to be seen made in sizes suitable for both masculine and feminine purchasers.

As a gift to a man friend who takes a pleasure in charming things, the new onyx trough holders for pipes would be a gift sure to meet with appreciation. Cigarette boxes are also made of this semi-precious stone.

LATEST BLOUSES.

The latest is to have your hat match the blouse or the blouse section of your new winter suit. Little round narrow-brimmed soft hats or turbans are often found in this combination, and either Paisley patterned material or badanna handkerchiefs are the popular materials.

HOW TO KEEP WARM.

Keeping warm is largely dependent on the right kind of clothes, and on exercise.

Innumerable heavily-lined garments do not make for warmth; they are, in fact, a hindrance. Light Shetland wool, for instance, for underclothing is one of the warmest winter fabrics, simply because, being open in texture, it allows a layer of air (which is non-conducting) between it and the body. The small interstices are filled with air, which helps to keep the body warm.

Garments lined with satin or other similar impervious "doublets" are cold because they do not allow the air to circulate freely. All winter linings should be made of light wool or silk.

Tight stockings, gloves, and any under-garment which prevents free circulation of the blood will also keep the body cold.

Wool should, if possible, be worn next the body, and anyone who suffers badly from the cold should avoid any dresses or garments which do not cover the arms down to the elbow. The shoulders should always be kept covered; this is far more important than muffling round the throat!

Cotton stockings should not be worn by anyone susceptible to cold, and a woollen sock in a fairly loose shoe is a great boon, so are gaiters.

Exercise is very important. Just after the morning bath is a splendid time to run through a few simple, but not strenuous, exercises. Baths ought not to be taken too hot, and should be followed by a brisk rub-down afterwards.

INTERESTING.

Polka-dots blossom profusely on some of the newest handkerchiefs. Red ones are apt to appear on an orange background and purple ones on green. Very tiny glove handkerchiefs are shown this year. They are tucked into the tiny velvet bracelets worn about the wrists.

Very large cut-steel and rhinestone buckles are used on the new pumps. The round or oblong ones are most popular at the moment. Cut steel is used on patent leather, while the satin pump seems to call for the jewelled ornament.

Hats, neckpieces, bags, scarves, sashes and sofa pillows are being made of fur this season. Yet many of the loveliest evening wraps are entirely free from it.

A smart dancing frock combines a skirt of black velvet and a bodice of white satin, the bodice being elaborately trimmed with black fur.

POWDER-PUFFS.

The centre of the usual powder-puff is made of swansdown, but silk, wool, plush, and beaver are used. It is claimed that natural beaver fur lasts as long as swansdown, and has the advantage of keeping its appearance after constant use. The top or cover of a puff is generally made of silk or kid, the latter being the more durable.

A new puff which is rather attractive has a cover of striped black and white material, and is contained in a small ebony box. Another novelty is in the form of a glove without fingers trimmed with ribbon. It is made of chamol on one side and swansdown on the other, so that it forms a powder-puff and face leather combined. New puff-boxes are made of wood, crystal glass, papier mache, china, xylonite, and many other materials. Some of them are very pretty, and even the cheapest are dainty enough. Miniature puffs, impregnated with powder, packed in boxes containing two dozens or more, are sold for use when travelling. But almost every week some novelty or other in the shape of a powder-puff is introduced and added to the many already to be seen in the shops.

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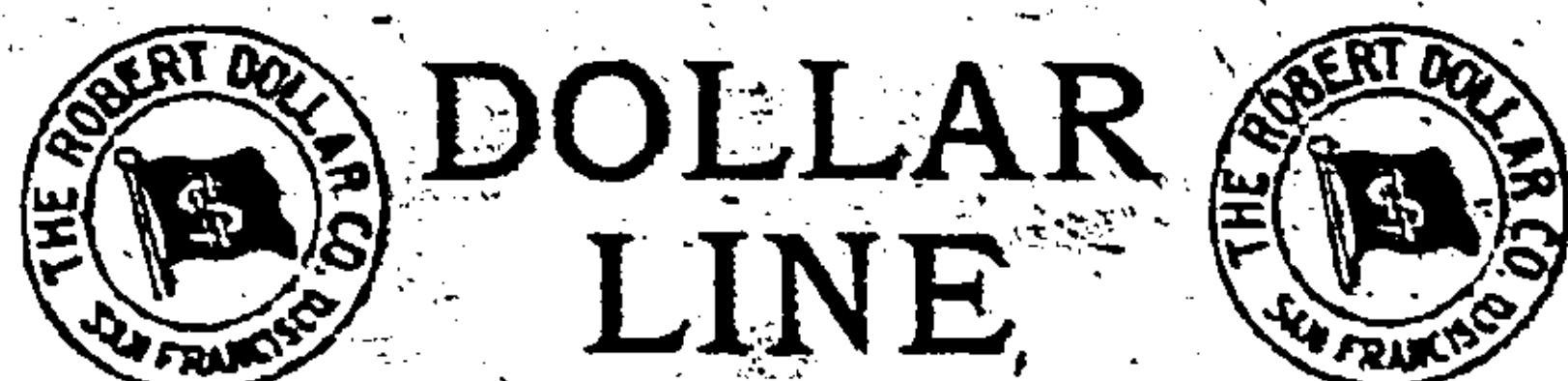
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SANDAKAN	Sat.	30th Dec. at noon.
MANILA	Sat.	30th Dec. at 3 p.m.
BANGKOK via Swatow Drufar	Sun.	31st Dec. at 10 a.m.
STRAITS & Calcutta	Wed.	3rd Jan. at 3 p.m.
KOBE	Fri.	5th Jan. at noon.
BANGKOK via Swatow Chikdar	Mon.	8th Jan. at 10 a.m.
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HOIHOW & SINGAPORE	Chichua	29th Dec. at 10 a.m.
SHANGHAI & TSINGTAO	Sinkiang	30th Dec. at d'light.
HAIPHONG	Tean	30th Dec. at 10 a.m.
SWATOW & SINGAPORE	Kingyuan	31st Dec. at 10 a.m.
SHANGHAI & PUKOW	Luchow	31st Dec. at 4 p.m.
H'HOW, P'HOI, H'PHONG	Yunnan	2nd Jan. at 10 a.m.
AMOI, M'LA, C'BU, T'LO Taming		3rd Jan. at d'light.
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PARTISAN COLOURS.

Going Out of Fashion.

It appears that colour is becoming less important than was once the case in the strife of partisans, though colour has certainly played an important part in the politics of many countries over a long period, says the *Manchester Guardian*.

When Dutch William came to London orange was naturally the colour which greeted him everywhere in his progress to Whitehall, and orange remained his symbol, so much so that the squeezing of an orange was a method of intimating detestation of the "tyrant."

White has served more than one political party. The "White Plume of Navarre" was a rallying point in France at one period, the white cockade was the symbol of the Royalists at another.

The "tricolour" was still more important and more durable than the violet of Napoleon. Nor was any great difficulty made in changing colours on necessity. An English traveller in France at the beginning of the Hundred Days noticed that the sentries had adapted their cockades to the needs of the moment by painting over the tricolour with a coat of white through which, however, the original colours could be seen quite plainly.

In our own politics the buff and the blue had a long reign and provided us with some phrases. "True blue" had a meaning well understood, and people talked of a man's "political" colour. Nowadays colour seems to be of little importance, and Labour's use of red has sometimes been a positive embarrassment. Political agents seem to follow their own inclinations as to the colour to be chosen for any party in any constituency, and it is possible that the multiplication of parties makes it difficult to indicate shades of opinion by shades of colour.

Even in Ireland orange and green may lose their special meaning before very long, and in this country the wearing of favours may be the exception rather than the rule in the coming election.

ASCENSION ISLAND.

Old History Recalled

Ascension Island, the administration of which will be transferred this month to the Colonial Office, has ever since its occupation by the British in 1815 been treated very much in the light of a ship, and has been governed by the Admiralty through a naval captain, with about a hundred officers and men under him. Married officers, whose wives could be accommodated on the island were appointed for three years, other officers for two years. They used to tell a story in Ascension of the wives of two officers of equal rank wrangling so bitterly for a certain paw in the tiny church that the captain was asked to settle the dispute. After hearing both sides, he said: "Ladies, your husbands' commissions dating from the same day I am not able to award precedence to either. Therefore the only fair way of settling the matter is for the elder lady to take her choice." The coveted paw is said to have remained empty during the stay of the two ladies on the island.

WORLD'S TINIEST BABY.

Weighs One Pound at Birth.

Weighing only one pound at birth, an infant, which appeared in a household at Cadogan Terrace, Victoria Park, Hackney, is the tiniest in the world. She is a twin daughter of Mrs. Cox, her sister who weighed 3½ lbs. having died soon after birth. The tiny mite is declared to be thriving. Mrs. Clarke, her grandmother, describing how she is faring, stated: "I wrapped her in a woollen shawl, and put her in a sewing machine box. I put in hot-water bottles and placed the box before the fire, which is kept going day and night. She is bathed with oil several times a day. Her feet are so small that they could be covered by a pair of doll's shoes." A doctor stated: "Only one other case of a 1-lb. baby who survived is on record in medical literature. The average weight at birth is 9 lbs."

TO-DAY'S MISCELLANY.

What are the qualities most needed for successful canvassing? Certainly one needs a quick wit, plenty of patience, and an even temper. One of the best examples of the possession of the first-named qualification is provided by a story of Charles Fox, who was noted for never being without a ready answer. On one occasion during his canvass in Westminster a shopkeeper on the opposite side, when asked for his vote and interest, produced a halter, which, he said, was all he could give the politician. Fox thanked the man, but added that he could not think of depriving him of it, as no doubt it was a family relic!

The first copy of the medal struck by the London School of Tropical Medicine to commemorate the services of Sir Patrick Manson, for long the medical adviser to the Colonial Office, has just been minted and presented to his widow. It is the intimation of the school—which owes its existence to Mr. Joseph Chamberlain—to present the medal annually to students of distinction in clinical work. The medal bears a portrait of Sir Patrick Manson, an Aberdonian, who gave his life to the solution of the mysteries of malaria, and the part played by the mosquito in propagating the disease.

In other days there would have been much speculation among London's merchants as to the character of the new Lord Mayor. For formerly that magnate had first and last say in all matters concerning London's food and drink supply. He was a man to have on one's side—a man to be "conciliated." One mayor we read of "was a good man, meek, and soft to speak with," and the brewers gave him an ox and a boar so that "he did them no harm." Our old friend Dick Whittington appears to have been an odorous individual. He thrust at the brewers, for instance, with the accusation that they "selle dear ale, and sette their att greater pris thanne they shold doo." His butler, however, appears to have been a man "softer to speak with," for an entry of the brewers' wardens tells of £7 3s. 4d. for two pipes of wine to Richard Whetyn-ton's butler.

Americans sometimes poke fun at the extraordinary variety of policies issued by English insurance companies, but the latest novelty in this direction stands to the credit of New York. It is now possible for restaurant-keepers in that city to protect themselves against claims brought by patrons on account of illnesses attributed to some injurious ingredient in meals provided by them. This "poisoned pie insurance," as it is popularly called, will cover every item on the menu, from apple-ories to tapioca pudding. It has originated in the frequency with which eating-house proprietors have had to meet claims for compensation in recent years. There is an increasing tendency among New Yorkers to take their meals in restaurants and hotel dining-rooms, and the managers, how ever careful, have often found themselves held responsible for unpleasant results for which they were not really to blame.

There is probably no manufactured product in the world that passes through more varied adventures than a piece of money. The Chicago Chamber of Commerce recently carried out an interesting experiment in order to trace what happened to a dollar bill within the short space of 14 days. It put into circulation a new bill, with a circular attached asking every person into whose hand it came to make a note of the use he had made of it. By the end of the fortnight it had been spent 31 times—five times in payment of salaries or wages, five times for tobacco, five times for cigarettes, three times for meals, three times for candy, twice for shaves, twice for "men's furnishings," and once for collar buttons, automobile accessories, bacon, washing powder, garters, and tooth paste respectively. It had never during the whole period found its way into a church collection plate or into the exchequer of a theatre or other place of amusement.

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A remarkable instance of what appears to be a "lightning photograph" in a branch of a beech tree has just been presented to the Royal Botanic Society.

It was struck by lightning at Mickleham, Surrey, and Mr. W. W. Child, the donor of the photograph in which the photograph appears, states that though he has been in the timber trade all his life he has seen nothing like it. He ascribes the appearance of the lightning mark to the imprint of ivy growing upon the tree.

Professor A. W. Bickerton, who examined the specimen, thinks the markings are due to the heat developed in the wood by the lightning as it passed through the branch. This is probably true, but it does not explain how the mark has the appearance of a leaf.

Mr. J. L. North, curator of the gardens, recalls that Mr. G. J. Symons, a former member of the council, once instanced a case he had seen in which the skin of people struck by lightning while sheltering under a tree was marked with everything of metal they had upon them.

He made it clear that it was not photography, but heat—the intense heat generated by the lightning in the metal objects had burned their outlines upon the skin.

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WEATHER REPORT.

Dec. 27d. 10h. 10m.—Warning to Hongkong Coast Ports, &c.—Depression or typhoon of unknown intensity in Lat. 9° N. Long 116° E. moving W. position uncertain.

Dec. 27d. 11h. 02m.—Pressure has decreased considerably from Weihaiwei to Shanghai, moderately from Formosa to N.E. Japan, and slightly in other districts.

The anticyclone has weakened considerably. It is now central to the north of the Bonins.

The depression in the S. China Sea continues on a westerly track.

Moderate monsoon may be expected along the S.E. coast of China, and over the N. China Sea.

Hongkong Rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day, 0.01 inch. Total since January 1st, 69.44 inches, against an average of 82.98 inches.

FORECAST FOR THE 24 HOURS
ENDING AT NOON TO-MORROW.

District. Forecast.

1. Formosa Channel N.E. winds, moderate; overcast, and misty at first, improving later.

2. South coast of China between H.K. & Lamooka to Gap Rock.....

3. Hongkong to Gap Rock.....

4. South coast of China between H.K. & Hainan, N.E. winds, moderate; overcast, and misty at first, improving later.

T. F. CLAXTON, Director.
E.K. Observatory, Dec. 27, 1922.

TIME SIGNALS.

The time ball on Kowloon Signal Hill is dropped daily at 10 a.m. and 4 p.m., except on Saturdays when it is dropped at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m., and on Sundays and Holidays when it is dropped at 10 a.m. only.

The ball is hoisted half mast at the 55th minute and full mast at the 57th minute. Should the ball fail to drop at the correct time, it will be lowered at five minutes past the hour and the ordinary routine repeated at following hour if possible.

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The signal are also given at night by means of three white lamps mounted vertically on the Observatory wireless mast. From 8h. 55m. 0s. to 9h. 0m. 0s. p.m. the lamps are extinguished momentarily at the even seconds except at the 2nd, 28th, 50th, 52nd, and 54th of each minute.

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12.00 noon	12.15 p.m.	10 min.
12.30 p.m.	12.45 p.m.	10 min.
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1.30 p.m.	1.45 p.m.	10 min.
2.00 p.m.	2.15 p.m.	10 min.
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